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Companies & Investments

TION LISTS OPEN simultaneously Glasgow, TO-DAY (MONDAY), 23rd ruary, 1891, and CLOSE (which may be earlier than WED- nesday, 1891, at 4 p.m., for town and

AND CUNINGHAME (Limited), ated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890.)

Share Capital, £250,000, divided into 25,000 Shares of £10 each ..... £125,000 Preference Shares of £10 each £125,000

Shares are entitled to a cumulative dend of 7 per cent. per annum, and to the Ordinary Shares in the Distribution

Debentures £150,000.

will be issued in 1,500 debentures of ch will bear interest at the rate of £5 and be secured by a trust deed in favour mentioned trustees, and will con- ge over the whole of the heritable mixed plant and leases comprised sale; they will be repayable 30th subject to earlier redemption on six ' drawings at the price of £105 per drawing to take place not earlier

£125,000 ordinary shares are taken These shares will not in any year be nt until £10,000 has been set aside out redemption of the debentures, and ion as a reserve fund, until such £125,000.

entures and preference shares are option, payable as follows:— on application, £40 on allotment, one month after allotment. —£1 on application, £2 on allot- month after allotment, months after allotment.

FOR DEBENTURE HOLDERS. ON MONTGOMERY, K.T. Campsie, Bart.

DIRECTORS. , Esq., of Craigends, Chairman. Blackwell, Bart., M.P., of Monreith. Esq., Merchant, Edinburgh. Wilson, Esq., of Bannockburn. Esq., Parkhead Forge, Glasgow. Ironmaster, Glengarnock. Esq., 127, St. Vincent-street, Manager and Director. of the Board after Allotment. BANKERS.

Bank (Limited), London; 30, Lombard- Glasgow: St. Vincent - place, and

SOLICITORS. MACLEOD, AND FULLERTON, 128, St. Vincent-

BROKERS. SKELLTHWAITE AND CO., 6, Austin-friars, Messrs. HOLMES, KEER AND HEDDERWICK, LAWSON AND ORMROD.

AUDITORS. Messrs. BURNETT AND CO., 14, George-street, Glasgow: KERR, ANDERSSONS, MORTON, AND CO., 201, West George-street.

SECRETARY. James Macintosh.

REGISTERED OFFICE. Glasgow: 127, St. Vincent-street. WINDOW OFFICE. 28, College Hill, Cannon-street, E.C.

PROSPECTUS.

Company is formed for the acquisition from Carry and Cuninghame, as from 30th Novem-

Ironworks. | The Bardykes Colliery, Colliery. | The Inkerman Coal and Motherwell. | Ironstone Pits.

the counties of Lanark and Renfrew.

LOCATION OF PROPERTIES. Hamilton, Ellis, Clark, and Co. have re- the whole of the properties, and their re-

Tons. ...£14,728 9 3 £20,969 12 9

Colliery, Lan- ... 10,896 11 8 14,183 7 0

Motherwell Colliery, Lanarkshire ... 7,199 2 0 10,570 3 2

Ironstone Pits, Renfrews.. 2,840 5 9 6,246 13 5 2,304 14 9 2,062 3 11

£37,969 6 5 £54,012 0 11

Trust profits will be reduced by £5,000 per annum, ere is sufficient sum for Head Office ex- and administration of the new Company. (Signed) COOPER BROTHERS AND CO., Chartered Accountants. 1, George-street, Mansion House, London, E.C., 5th January, 1891.

At the request of the directors Messrs Cooper Bros. have been making the present month continued the ion of the accounts, and they certify that ofit for the six months ended 30th November, £37,952 2s 10d. on the same basis as their previous certificate)

annual amount required for payment of interest (£7,500), and dividend on Preference will be £16,250.

Shares will be issued to owners as going concerns as from 30th June, 1890, from which date the profits will to the company, the vendors from that date re- interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum ment. All the book debts up to November, 1890, will be received by the vendors, and all ade to that date will be discharged by them.

Vendors, who with the Corporate Trust are promoters of the Company, have fixed the price for the whole of the properties included Messrs Barbour, Ellis, Clark, and Co.'s valuation ably payable as to £150,000 in cash, £125,000 in fully paid Ordinary Shares, £40,000 in Debentures or at the option of the directors, and £55,000 in Pre- Shares or cash, at the option of the directors.

Agreement, dated 30th November, 1890, between John Charles Cuninghame, John Cun- and Robert Main of the first part, the Cor- Trust Limited, of the second part, and James and Trustee for the Company, of the for the payment of all legal expenses attending the negotiation of the formation of the Company, the incorporation and registration of the and also all brokerage, advertisements, legal

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and other expenses attending the formation of the Company; also one half of the cost of, and incidental to, the conveyance of all the properties to the Company, including stamp duties. In relation to these and other matters, arrangements have been entered into with various persons, also arrangements have been made for guaranteeing the subscription of capital, which may constitute Contracts within the meaning of the 38th Section of the Companies Act, 1867. There are also various Contracts connected with the several properties of the mining concern which it would be inexpedient to publish. Applicants for shares must be deemed to waive the insertion of dates and names of the parties to any such Contracts, and to accept the above statements as a sufficient compliance with the Act.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, copy of the Contract of Sale, and of the reports of Messrs Parsonage, Ellis, Clark, and Co., and of Messrs Cooper Brothers and Co., respectively, also the draft of the Deed of Trust for the benefit of the Debenture holders, can be inspected by any intending subscriber at the Offices of the Solicitors of the Company.

Applications for Debentures and Preference Shares should be made on the form accompanying the Prospectus, and should be forwarded to the Company's Bankers, accompanied by a remittance for the amount of the deposit, if paid by cheque, then payable to the order of the Bankers to whom the same may be sent, or they may be sent direct to the Secretary at the Offices of the Company.

If the whole amount applied for by any applicant be not allotted, the surplus amount paid on deposit will be appropriated towards the sum due on allotment. Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full.

Prospectuses and forms of application can be obtained at the Offices of the Company, or at the Offices of the Bankers, Brokers, and Solicitors.

Glasgow, 20th January, 1891.

The SUBSCRIPTION LIST will OPEN THIS DAY (MONDAY), February 23rd, at 10 a.m., and will CLOSE on or before WEDNESDAY, February 25th, for town, and THURSDAY, 26th, for the country.

THE QUADRUPLE DELIVERY MACHINE COMPANY (LIMITED).

Novel and ingenious automatic combined weighing, printing, and delivering machine.

£25 insurance against general accidents on date of issue, if terminating fatally on that date or within 21 days thereafter.

Purchaser's weight with date automatically printed on a card.

A packet of chocolate, sweets, or matches, and A portrait of some public character.

ALL FOUR FOR ONE PENNY.

One of the best advertising mediums of the day. (Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890.)

CAPITAL, £120,000.

Divided into 109,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each, and 10,000 Founders' Shares of £1 each.

PAYMENT.

For Ordinary Shares—2s 6d on Application, 7s 6d on Allotment, and the balance (£1) one month after Allotment. For Founders' Shares—10s on Application, and the balance on Allotment.

The Ordinary Shares receive a Cumulative Preference Dividend out of profits at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, and an equal moiety with the Founders' Shares of any surplus profits.

The Founders' Shares will receive an equal moiety of the surplus profits with the Ordinary Shares, after paying the Cumulative Preference Dividend of 8 per cent. on the Ordinary Shares.

Each subscriber at the time of making application for Ordinary Shares can apply for and will be allotted one Founders' Share for every ten Ordinary Shares allotted.

DIRECTORS.

DANIEL WATNEY, Esq., Chairman of The Cincinnati Breweries, Limited, The Brewery, Richmond, Surrey (Chairman).

HERBERT FITCH, Esq., Wholesale Stationer, 30, Bury-street, London, E.C.

DAVID GULLAND, Esq., Merchant, 6, Dowgate Hill, E.C.

W. SWAN PARKER, Esq., Managing Director of the Standard Accident Insurance Co., Limited, 42, Poultry, London, E.C.

THOMAS HENRY BOX, Esq., Temple-chambers, E.C.

BANKERS.

National Provincial Bank of England, Limited, 112, Bishopsgate-street, London, E.C., and Branches.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs PORTEOUS, BOARD, ALEXANDER, AND Co., Temple-chambers, Temple-avenue, London, E.C.

BROKERS.

Messrs CAMPBELL BROTHERS, 14, Throgmorton-street, and Stock Exchange, London.

CONSULTING ENGINEER. Mr. L. G. HOFFMANN.

SECRETARY (pro tem.). Mr. C. H. T. BIRCH.

TEMPORARY OFFICES. 3, Creed-lane, Ludgate-hill, London, E.C.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

The Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring the invention of Mr Ernst Gustav Hofmann, of a combined weighing, printing, and delivery machine, together with the patent rights granted to him for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Machine delivers to the customer for One Penny the following:—

1. £25 insurance against General Accidents on date of issue, if terminating fatally on that date or within 21 days thereafter.
2. Purchaser's Weight with Date automatically Printed on a Card.
3. A Packet of Chocolate, Sweets, or Matches; and
4. A Portrait of some Public Character.

Thirty of the Machines are now ready for the use of at least 1,000 machines, in good paying positions, and of course other large towns and seaside resorts can be made profitably a very large additional number. The Directors hope to place 1,000 machines as soon as they can be manufactured. A calculation has been made upon the basis of 1,000 machines being set at work, and these it is confidently expected will earn the net profit estimated below.

ESTIMATE OF TAKINGS AT £1 PER WEEK EACH MACHINE.

Income per Week.	
1,000 Machines at £1 per week each	£1,000 0 0
Advertisements on 1,000 glass plates printed Portrait Cards, at 2s 6d per 100	2 3 5 0
1,000 Cylinder Advertisements, at 3s per box per week	150 0 0
	1,153 0 0

Expenditure per Week.	
Sweets, Matches, Chocolate	£416 10 0
Rents for placing Machines, Commissions, Wages, Offices, Salaries, Repairs, Insurance, &c.	350 0 0
	766 10 0
Net Profit per Week	£391 15 0

Estimated Net Profit per Annum, £20,771

The above estimate is put merely by way of illustration, but it is expected that the income will be very much greater, owing to the Machines being of vastly superior attraction to the Machines now in public use; nevertheless, the above profit would be sufficient to pay a dividend of 15 per cent. per annum on the Ordinary Shares, and 40 per cent. on the Founders' Shares, besides allowing a large sum to be placed to a Reserve Fund.

One of these Machines was, by the permission of the Chief Commissioner of the City Police, put up in the Avenue of the Mansion House on April 12 (Hospital Saturday), and took £5 1s 2d in one day.

As a further test of the popularity and utility of automatic machines, it would appear by the Balance Sheet of The Sweetmeat Automatic Delivery Company, Limited, dated November 24th, 1890, that that Company paid £90 6s 10½d by sales in one year.

With reference to the above Sweetmeat Machines, Messrs Salter and Co., of West Bromwich, the well-known manufacturers, have offered to supply them at prices on which the following calculation has been based.

An important feature is that this Company have arranged with a London Accident Insurance Company to insure customers on the machines for a fatal accident on the day of issue of the ticket and for a period of the sum of £25, in accordance with the conditions printed thereon.

There can be little doubt but that the Machines will be largely used in places of public entertainment, Hotels, Stores, Drapery, and other business houses, where they will prove a great boon to their own advertisements to be printed on the portrait and receipt. A considerable number of applications for Machines have already been received by the Vendor.

Another great feature of Dr Hofmann's invention is that novelty can be continuously sustained without alteration of the machine, by the introduction of new and interesting articles of confectionery, to be uniform, or of the ordinary shape, but may vary from time to time both in form and size. That the card will be retained is in the highest degree probable, or otherwise the Company will be able to effect a saving in insurance; (2) the record of weight; (3) the portrait. Thus the advertisement on the cards committal to be of exceptional value to the advertiser, and a necessary consequence, a source of large income to the Company.

The advertisements are in addition to those in the front of the machine, and in the revolving cylinder, some of which will always be visible to the more looker-on.

Applications for Shares should be made on the Form accompanying the Prospectus, and sent with the deposit, to the Head Office of the National Provincial Bank of England, Limited, in London, or any of its Branches throughout the Kingdom. In any case where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned to the applicant in full, and where the number of Shares allotted is less than the sum applied for, the surplus will be credited in reduction of the amount payable on the Shares allotted.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application can be obtained of the Bankers, Solicitors, and Brokers, or at the Offices of the Company.

Dated in London, February 16th, 1891.

Legal Notices.

MICHAEL HUNTER, Deceased.—All persons having claims upon the estate of MICHAEL HUNTER, late of Stockton-on-Tees, in the County of Durham, Innkeeper, are requested to send particulars of the same forthwith to us, the undersigned, Solicitors to his Executors.

FAWCETT AND FABER, Solicitors. Stockton, 19th February, 1891. Stockton-on-Tees.

Lost and Found.

DOG—Lost, Grey Scotch Terrier; white breast, cocked ears, long hair; anyone found detaining same after this notice will be prosecuted. Apply 6, Lower Grey-street, Middlesbrough. 23

LOST, Airedale Terrier; finder rewarded; detainer will be prosecuted. Apply 17, Tennant-street, Stockton. 24

FOUND, Young Retriever Dog; if not claimed in three days will be sold. Apply 18, Manfield-street, Stockton.

FOUND, a Black and Tan Cur Dog; will be sold if not claimed in three days. Apply J. J. Hawes, Elson Moor Cottage, Bishop Auckland. 23

Hotels, etc.

LONDON.—WILDS' TEMPERANCE HOTEL, 36 to 40, Ludgate Hill; home comforts; cleanliness and quiet. Central for business or pleasure.

LIVERPOOL.—"COMPTON HOTEL," Unrivalled for its Comfort, Excellent Cuisine, FINE WINES, and MODERATE CHARGES. Adjacent to the best Shops, Stations, &c.

WINTER HEALTH RESORT.—GRANGE HYDRO, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS.—Splendid Situation, facing South. Sun Lounges, Baths, Billiards, &c. Special Winter Terms from 30s per week.

THE MATRIMONIAL HERALD AND FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE GAZETTE represents the largest and most successful Matrimonial Agency in the world, and is the original and sole responsible Medium for the Nobility, Gentry, and Commercial Classes. Post free 3d (secure in plain envelope, 4½d).—"Editor," 40, Lamb's Conduit-street, London, W.C., or order of all newsagents.

Public Notices.

AFTERNOON EXCURSION — From the Hartlepools, &c., to SUNDERLAND and NEWCASTLE on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25th. See bills. 24

WESLEYAN REFORM CHAPEL, BROUGHAM-STREET, MIDDLESBROUGH. —THIS EVENING a MISSIONARY MEETING will be held, to be addressed by the following gentlemen—viz., Messrs W. Marsden, R. Ayton, W. Tweddle, and William Frost. Prizes will be presented to the Missionary Collectors by Mr W. Marsden. Choir taken at 7.30 by Mr J. Hunter. The Choir will be in the parties to any such Contracts, and to accept the above statements as a sufficient compliance with the attendance with several anthems. Collections on behalf of the Home Mission cause.

SUNDAY CLOSING.—A Public Meeting will be held in the Temperance Hall, THIS EVENING. Chair to be taken at 7.45 p.m. by the President of the Middlesbrough Temperance Society. The meeting has the full sympathy of the clergy and ministers of the borough, many of whom are expected to attend and speak, as is also ARTHUR PEASE, ESQ., J.P.

President of the Sunday Closing Association. Admission free. A collection. All Middlesbrough men and women who desire Sunday Closing please attend.

MIDDLESBROUGH Y.M.C.A.—The REV. JAS. McCANN, D.D., of Birmingham, will LECTURE in the TEMPERANCE HALL, on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY EVENINGS at 8 o'clock.

Dr. McCann is one of the most eloquent Lecturers of the Christian Evidence Society, and none should miss this rare opportunity of hearing him.

Admission Free. Collection. 23

LOSS OF THE STEAMER BEAR.

NEW TOWN HALL, MIDDLESBROUGH, WEDNESDAY, February 25th, GRAND BENEFIT CONCERT (promoted by the Apollo Male Voice Choir and an influential Committee).

ARTISTES:

SOPRANO—MISS LILY PEARCE, L.R.A.M, Of the Crystal Palace Concerts.

CONTRALTO—MISS ISABEL COUNEY (Mrs Smith, Middlesbrough).

TENOR—MR JOHN HUNTER (Hartlepool).

BASS—MR. ALFRED JONES (Middlesbrough).

STRING INSTRUMENTALISTS—THE MISSES TAYLOR (Brotton).

CLARIONET SOLO—MASTER SMITH (Newcastle-on-Tyne), the Boy Wonder.

AND

THE APOLLO MALE VOICE CHOIR, Conductor, Mr JOHN MORGAN.

Accompanists:

Miss EFFIE SUTER and Mr J. F. STEWART.

Admission—Reserved Seats, 3/- (plan at Mr Hoggett's Music Warehouse), Balcony and Second Seats, 2/-, Body of Hall, 1/-, Gallery and Area, 6d.

Tickets may be obtained of Mr Hoggett, Exchange-place; Mr Lloyd, Albion-street; Mr Johnson, 84, Wilson-street; Mr Morgan, 18, Milton-street; the Members of the Committee and Choir, and of several of the Tradesmen of the Borough.

Doors open at 7; Concert at 7.45; Carriages at 10.15 p.m.

STEAMER BEAR RELIEF FUND.—The S steamer Bear, of Middlesbrough, was run down in the Firth of Forth on January 14th, and of her crew there are twelve Widows and about thirty-eight Orphans of the crew left unprovided for, a large and influential Committee has been formed for the purpose of raising a fund for the relief of such of them as it may in the opinion of the Committee be necessary to relieve.

Believing the object to be a thoroughly deserving one, the Committee earnestly hope that the public of Middlesbrough, Whitby, Filey, and Kirkwall will cooperate in carrying the movement to a successful issue.

Subscriptions will be gratefully received by any of the Committee or by the undersigned.

M. G. COLLING (Lord Mayor), Treasurer. ALFRED SOCKETT, Honorary Secretary. Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, January, 1891.

ODDFELLOWS' HALL. ON TUESDAY, EXHIBITION OF VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS, CHINA, SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, EMBRACING NOBLE BED-ROOM SUITES, HANDSOME SIDEBOARDS, DINING-ROOM SUITES, OAK LIBRARY FURNITURE, AND NUMEROUS APPOINTMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE.

ADMISSION BY CATALOGUE THE ODDFELLOWS' HALL, MIDDLESBROUGH, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 10 A.M. AND 2 P.M.

The whole of the goods have been removed under an assignment to the Hall, and will be SOLD BY AUCTION, ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH; WITHOUT RESERVE.

MR THOMAS M. DAWSON, of Newcastle, is the person appointed to realise the estate.

EXCHANGE HALL, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, MR BARNBY'S GRAND EVENING CONCERT, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 1891.

ARTISTES:—

MADAME TORRESELLI (The World-Renowned contralto; her first appearance in the Provinces since 1859).

SIGNORINA ELVIRA GAMBOGI Of the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, and the principal Continental Opera Houses).

MR HENRY PIERCY (The Popular English Tenor).

MR MAYBRICK (Stephen Adams; the Eminent Vocalist and Composer).

MR AUGUST VAN BIENE (The Celebrated Solo Violoncellist).

SOLO PIANOFORTE: CHEVALIER L. EMIL BACH (Pianist to the Royal Court of Prussia).

CONDUCTOR: MR FRANK J. WATKIS.

ADMISSION:—5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and 1/-.

Plan of reserved seats at the Music Rooms, Yarm-road.

Doors open at 7.15; Concert at 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH Corporation Baths.—The Swimming Bath will Reopen Monday, February 23rd. Hot or Cold Slipper Baths open Daily.

THE NORMANBY, ESTON, AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY will hold their Second Annual SHOW early in AUGUST, in the beautiful Grounds at Normanby Hall.

THEATRE ROYAL, MIDDLESBROUGH. This Week:—

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday — FALLEN AMONG THIEVES. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday—MARRIED NOT MATED. Saturday Night—THE LAND OF THE LIVING. Monday, March 2nd, 1891. Augustus Harris's Burlesque Company in VENUS.

OXFORD PALACE, Middlesbrough.—This Week:—Mr Wilfred Malcolm, Leading Burlesque Artiste of the Day; Mr George Fredericks, The Mataros, The Sisters Bristol, Mr J. P. Curlett, Messrs Zalva and Louise, Miss Dot Hetherington, Florence Ashton, Wonder.

GAIETY THEATRE, West Hartlepool.—This Week—KING and CHEESTEEN'S famed OPERA COMPANY.

ALHAMBRA VARIETY THEATRE, Lambton-street (off Lynn-street), West Hartlepool.—This Week: Mr Meredyth Wood, Leading Dog. Miss Marie Violetta, Characteristic Serio-Comic and Ballad Vocalist. Jovial Joe Colvero, in his masterpiece of Musical Illustrations, "John Bull," and his new and original Impressions, "Lord Bilby." The Leggets, the Premier Sketch Artistes. Prof. Bateman, in his Novel Performance, "Electricone." Mr Arthur Rouse, Character Comedian. Messrs Ashley and Beach, Eccentric Knockabout Comedians. Wonderful Troupe of Performing Cockatoos.

THEATRE ROYAL, NEWCASTLE. GIGANTIC SUCCESS OF "DICK WHITTINGTON." LOOK OUT FOR THE TRIPS! THE LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAMS Including MIDDLESBROUGH, DARLINGTON, STOCKTON, DURHAM, HARTLEPOOL, &c., Received with cheers every Performance. SATURDAYS at 2 TWO. EVERY NIGHT at SEVEN.

TYNE THEATRE, NEWCASTLE. ENORMOUS SUCCESS AND MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION OF AUGUSTUS HARRIS'S FOURTH ANNUAL PANTOMIME, JACK AND THE BEANSTALK. The whole produced under the direction of VICTOR STEVENS.

An exceptionally Powerful Company now engaged, including:— MISS FANNY LESLIE (The Premier Boy in Pantomime). Miss Pattie Haywood, Mr Harry Fischer, Miss Alice Carleton, Mr Barry Ilbum, Miss Lily Harley, Mr Saville Saunder, Miss Lelie Richardson, Mr H. M. Clifford, &c. MR VICTOR STEVENS. EVERY NIGHT at SEVEN. EVERY SATURDAY AT TWO. JACK AND THE BEANSTALK. PRICES AS USUAL. Box Office (T. Henderson) open daily from 11 to 4. Telephone No. 0.

18th year of Professional Visits to the North. LEEDS EYE AND EAR DISPENSARY. Open daily 10 to 6. (Estb. 1871.) MR G. MITCHELL, Oculist and Aurist.

North-Eastern Hotel, Darlington, Monday, March 2. Black Lion Hotel, Stockton, Wednesday, Feb. 25. The Tyne Hotel, Hartlepool, Thursday, Feb. 26. Corporation Hotel, Middlesbrough, Saturday, March 7. Railway Hotel, Northallerton, Wednesday, Mar. 4. Talbot Hotel, Malton, Feb. 24.

Hours: 11 to 4. Hours at Middlesbrough: 12 to 4. Artificial Eyes fitted from 20s. Spectacles, &c., supplied.

YORKSHIRE PENNY BANK THE MIDDLESBROUGH BRANCH Is Open daily (except Saturdays) from 10 to 3, Saturdays 10 to 1, and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8. Any amount may be deposited. 3 per cent. interest allowed.

£20, or any smaller amount, may be withdrawn without notice, and larger sums on giving one day's notice. Cheque books are issued.

ARTHUR FORSTER, MANAGER.

MRS BROWN, 5, Mill-lane, Stockton, Dress and Mantle Maker, only Certificated Teacher of the European System of Dress Cutting by Measurement. Perfect fit guaranteed. No fitting required. Ball and Evening Dresses in all the Latest Styles. 457

Situations Vacant.

ADVERTISEMENTS INSERTED UNDER THIS HEADING AT THE FOLLOWING PREPAID RATES:— 16 words, 1 day, 6d.....3 days, 1s 3d.....6 days, 2s 24 words, 1 day, 9d.....3 days, 1s 9d.....6 days, 3s

This applies to "private" wants only of Servants, &c.

A GENCY for Servants, Miss Wright, Derby House, Hartington-road, Stockton. Good situations.

A GENCY for Servants.—Miss Hayllar, 9, Bridge-road, Stockton. Good Servants Wanted.

A GENCY for Servants: Mrs Rudd, 53, Mandale-road, South Stockton. Moderate terms.

A GENCY for Servants: Mrs Hodgson, 121, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. Good situations.

AGENTS Wanted, whole or spare time, commission and bonus. Ireton and Co., 92, Gracechurch-street, London.

AGENTS Wanted to Push first-class Machinery Oils; liberal commission. Box 22, Post Office, Liverpool. 25

AGENTS Wanted throughout Great Britain, calling on business people generally; whole or spare time. Apply S. and M., 12, Aldersgate Chambers, London, E.C. 28

ASSISTANT Mistress; Mixed School Infants; Standard I.; sewing, musical; £35. R.F. Geddes, Great Ayton, R.S.O. 23

BOY Wanted. Apply Pinto's, 7, Bridge-street, Middlesbrough. 23

BOYS and Girls.—Wanted, several strong Boys and Girls. Apply J. W. Hope, Bridge End Mineral Water Works, Willington, Durham. 23

CANVASSERS Wanted; liberal terms to good men. Apply 95, Newgate-street, Bishop Auckland. 28

CARPENTERS (three or four) Wanted for Cauliflower Tees Salt Pan Hurdles; by contract or day. Apply Tees Salt Co., Haverton Hill. 24

CLOTHIERS.—Wanted, smart Young Man; accustomed to ready-mades and bespoke; clever window dresser. Apply Davison and Thompson, Middlesbrough. 24

CIVIL Service.—Ages 14 to 20; salaries from £40 to £200; great demand in the Post Office for Ladies under 20; rapid preparation by correspondence and in class. N. Watson, Witton-le-Wear, Darlington.

COLLECTOR-SALESMEN Wanted; sharp, intelligent Young Men with good references; exceptional terms to men of good ability. Apply, by letter, giving 3 first-class references, The Singer Manufacturing Co., 60, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 7

COOK (good) Wanted immediately. Apply Mrs Putman, Town Lea, Darlington.

COOK and Housemaid. Please meet Lady, 1 o'clock, Thursday first, at Miss Wright's, Derby House, Stockton. 23

COOKS, Housemaids, and Generals Wanted at once. £18 to £20. Mrs Pinse, 71, Linthorpe-rd., Mbro'.

DRAPERY.—An Indoor Apprentice Wanted; small premium required. Apply Robson, Wood, and Co., Richmond, Yorks. 23

DRESSMAKING.—Wanted, experienced Hand. Apply, with references and salary required, to Thomas Hull, Draper, Tow Law. 25

DRESSMAKING.—Apprentices Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Fryer, 36, Milbank-street, Middlesbrough.

DRESSMAKER (live out) Wanted; competent hand; take charge of workroom; age, salary, &c. Baker and Sons, Guisborough. 28

DRESS and Mantle Maker Wanted, must be efficient and good Worker. Address Box B, "Gazette" Office, West Hartlepool.

DRESSMAKING.—Wanted, Apprentices and Improvers. Apply 111, High Albert-road, Middlesbrough. 23

FURNISHING Department.—Wanted, active Junior Assistant. Wright and Archibald, Stainer-street, Middlesbrough. 26

GARDENER Wanted; three days a week. J. S. Strong, 80, High-street, Stockton-on-Tees. 27

GROCER'S Cartman.—Wanted, Young Man as Cartman and Warehouseman; must be willing and good worker. Apply, stating wage required, Walter Wilson, Haswell. 23

GROOM Wanted, smart Youth, one or two years' experience. Address Yb, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 27

GROOM Wanted. Apply Corporation Hotel, Middlesbrough. 23

GENERAL Servant Wanted at once. Apply Wilkinson, 37, High-street, Redcar.

GENERAL Servant Wanted, able to cook and wash. Apply W., "Gazette" Office, Stockton. 23

GENERAL Servant (good, strong, respectable) Wanted. Apply Commercial Hotel, Boosbeck. 24

GENERAL Servant Wanted, able to do plain cooking. Apply Mrs Davison, Royal Oak Hotel, Stockton. 26

GENERAL Servant Wanted, about 18, able to do plain cooking; from country preferred. 3, Howden-street, Stockton.

GENERAL Servant (respectable) Wanted; no children; good home for steady experienced girl. Heslop, Stanley House, Ocean-road, South Shields. 25

GENERAL Servant (experienced) at once; good wages. 7, St. Vincent-terrace, Coatham, Redcar. 25

GENERAL Servant (strong) Wanted; country girl preferred. Apply Mrs Burton, Grazmmar School, Yarm.

GENERAL Servant Wanted: housemaid kept. Apply, with reference, Mrs Kay, Rockside, Hartlepool. 23

GENERAL Servant Wanted at once. Apply 52, Lower Feversham-street, Middlesbrough. 23

GENERAL Servant Wanted, able to wash and cook. Apply Mrs Thompson, Bowesfield-lane, Stockton-on-Tees. 23

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted; strong and respectable. Apply Mrs J. S. Calvert, 32, Parkstreet, Middlesbrough. 23

GENERAL Servant and Kitchenmaid Wanted. Apply Mrs Davison, Registry, 73, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough. 23

GIRL (young, respectable) Wanted immediately, between 16 and 17, to make herself generally useful; good home. Apply 2, Blenheim Villas, Grove Hill, Middlesbrough. 25

HOUSEMAID for two in family; also, several Cooks, Generals, and Nurse-Housemaids Wanted for the term. Gowland's Registry-office, West Hartlepool.

HOUSEMAID-WAITRESS Wanted; ages not under 20. Apply Royal Hotel, South Bank. 24

HOUSEMAID Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Carter, West End-terrace, Yarm-lane, Stockton. 27

HOUSEKEEPER (old lady) Wanted to young gentleman in large family; comfortable home; small salary. Apply Mackenzie, Loftus. 24

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JUNIOR Clerk Wanted; must be active, and a good writer. Apply Box 25, "Gazette" Office, Stockton.

JOURNEYMAN Beef Butcher Wanted; one who can Pickle. Apply Box 4, Address W12, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 23

KNITTER Wanted; also, Apprentice to Knitting Machine. Apply I, Cardigan-street, Stockton. 24

KNITTING Machines.—Harrison Gold Medal Knitting Machines. Wanting agents. Works: 48, Upper Brook-street, Manchester.

LAD Wanted for Farmwork. Apply R. Nixon, Ragworth Farm, Norton, Stockton. 25

LAUNDRESS (experienced) Wanted in the country, to wash by machine; with a good knowledge of laundry, and live in the village; cottage or rooms found. Address with full particulars to F13, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 25

LIVERPOOL Victoria Legal Friendly Society.—Wanted, several good Men as Collecting Canvassers, whole or spare time, for Stockton, Middlesbrough, and district; salary and commission. Apply, by letter, to Frederick Meredith Wooding, District Agent, 7, Mansfield-street, South Stockton. 24

MIDDLESBROUGH School Board.—Wanted, an Ex.V.P. Assistant Master for a large Boys' School; must be a good disciplinarian. Testimonials, to J. S. Calvert, School Board, Middlesbrough. 25

MIDDLESBROUGH School Board.—Wanted, a Male trained certificated Assistant Mistress for a Girls' School; should be able to teach the higher standards; salary from £80 to £85, according to certificate. Apply to J. S. Calvert, School Board, Middlesbrough. 25

MAN (respectable) Wanted immediately; wages 35s per week; regular work; reduction unnecessary. Address Gas Company, Seaton.

MEN.—Wanted, active and steady Men wishing to increase their incomes. Write to J. Bewick, 70, Chillingham-road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 23

MILLINERY.—Wanted, a good Hand for workroom. Apply Miss Tees, 68, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. 23

MILLINERY.—Wanted, smart Young Woman; accustomed to trade; good wages. Apply Robson, Wood, and Co., Richmond, Yorks. 23

MANAGER.—Wanted, experienced Hand. Apply, with references and salary required, to Thomas Hull, Draper, Tow Law. 25

MANAGER.—Wanted, a Man to Manage Shop in Country Village; must be a good Salesman and Window Dresser; state wages required, and age. Apply Box 1, "Gazette" Office, Stockton. 23

MAN Wanted as Hay Cutter. Apply John Bateman, Hay Maker, Sedgefield.

NURSE (experienced) Wanted for one child; good needlewoman. Send full particulars, Miss Hyllaar's, Bridge-road, Stockton.

NURSE-HOUSEMAID Wanted, 20, one child; also, an experienced Housemaid and plain Cook; good wages. County Registry, Charles-street, West Hartlepool.

PLUMBER Wanted at once, good experienced Hand; one used to lead work only; good reference. Stephenson Bros., Scarborough. 27

PLAIN Cook (good) Wanted for family of two; no washing; nineteen o'clock. Apply, by letter, L. L., 2, Lonsdale-terrace, Stockton.

PLAIN Cook (good) Wanted, strong and active. Apply Mrs Hunter, 16, Cliff-terrace, Hartlepool. 23

PLAIN Cook (good) and House-parlourmaid Wanted immediately for quiet family; must be well recommended. Only those who have been good wages. Mrs Stone, Meyrick House, Hereford. 24

PAWNBROKER'S Assistant (male or female) Wanted. Apply A. Bloom, Dovecot-street, Stockton.

PAWNBROKING.—Wanted, a Youth with some knowledge of pawnbroking; must be competent. Apply 2, Wellington-street, Stockton-on-Tees. 24

PLOUGHMAN Wanted. Apply to Wm. Lax, Carlton, Aldbrough, Darlington. 23

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SALESMEN (two, first-class) Wanted; good character indispensable. Address Box 2, "Gazette" Office, West Hartlepool. 24

TAILORS.—Wanted, Youth as Improver. Apply M. Chapman, 9, Gilkes-street, Middlesbrough. 25

THIRD Housemaid, 15 servants; gentleman's establishment. Please apply, with particulars, Miss Wright's Registry, Derby House, Stockton.

UPHOLSTERER Wanted. Apply C. Barton, Sunderland-street, West Hartlepool. 25

WHEELWRIGHT.—Apprentice Wanted to the Business; also, to the Coach Painting business. T. Maughan, Stockton-on-Tees.

WAITRESS (good) Wanted; must be able to wait in commercial-room; also, experienced Nurse for young children. Apply Buck Hotel, Guisborough. 25

YOUTH (smart) Wanted as Improver. Apply Hutton and Co., Grocers, 19, Linthorpe-road, Mbro'.

YOUTH (smart, intelligent) Wanted immediately for Manufacturer's Office; must be a good penman, and able to write shorthand. Apply, in own handwriting, to Box 56, Post Office, Middlesbrough. 24

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SITUATION Wanted by domesticated young Woman as Nurse or any light work; 7 years' experience. Address C16, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

SITUATION Wanted as Companion; salary required; also references. Apply to Miss Tinniswood, 12, Salisbury-terrace, Darlington. 25

SITUATION Wanted where Practical Knowledge of Surveying, Taking of Levels, fine Draughtmanship, and Designing are required. Apply Newton, Great Ayton, Yorks. 23

Miscellaneous Wants.

BEST Prices given for Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cast-off Clothing by Mrs Gibson, 7, Castlegate, Stockton-on-Tees. Personal

Sales by Auction.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,

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On exhibition TUESDAY, 10 till 9, by catalogue, to be had at the Hall on that day.

CATALOGUE of the SALE of Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., removed for convenience of sale to the Granville Sale Rooms, Middlesbrough, and which will be SOLD BY AUCTION by S. LITHGOW, on TUESDAY NEXT, February 24, 1891.

Sale at One o'clock prompt.

1 to 25 Kitchen Utensils.
26 Six Japanese Trays; Stereoscope.
28 Pair Glass Lustres; 2 Vases.
30 Mirror, ebonized frame; 3 Engravings.
33 Six Cocoa Doormats; roll of Linen Matting.
35 Pair of Cretonne and Pair Lace Curtains.
36 Chimney Glass; 2 Mantel Boards.
38 Six Hair-seated Chairs; Couch, in leather.
40 Brass-rail Fender, for tiled hearth; Cornice Pole.
42 Mahogany Extending Dining Table, with 3 loose leaves and flaps.
43 Walnut three-tier Dinner Waggon; Medicine Cabinet.
45 PAIR MAHOGANY PEDESTAL DUCHESSE TABLES, fitted with drawers in the pedestals, and swing glass attached, marble-top washstand, cupboards in the pedestals.
46 Gent's Dressing Bag, with electro-plated fittings.
47 Bradbury Sewing Machine.
48 16yds. Brussels Carpet; Skin Rug.
50 Walnut Occasional Table; 3 do. Chairs.
52 Pair Oil Paintings, "Landscapes;" 1 do.
54 Ash Bed-room Suite, comprising 4ft. wardrobe, fitted with dress pegs, and drawer under, with glass panel door; dressing table, with glass attached; marble-top washstand, 3 cane-seat chairs, pedestal, and towel-rail.
55 Feather Bed; 2 do. Pillows and Bolster.
57 ALL-BRASS FRENCH BEDSTEAD AND WIRE MATTRESS.
58 Walnut Music Cabinet; Bamboo Work Table.
60 Walnut-frame Suite, comprising couch, lady's and gent's easy chairs, and 6 small chairs; spring seats, covered in crimson figured velvet.
61 Eight Ornaments, various; Occasional Table.
63 HANDSOME WALNUT CHINA CABINET, fitted with cupboards, with circular glass front doors, and lined with plush, with lofty look'ng-glass panelled back over; a good lot.
64 Two pair of Venetian Mirrors, in brass frames.
66 Black and Gold Frame Mirror; Fancy Table.
68 Thirty-two pieces of China Tea Ware, green and gold lined.
69 Crown Derby Cup and Saucer and Dish.
70 Two Table Covers and 2 pair of Curtains.
72 Walnut inlaid with fancy Wood Bed-room Suite, comprising wardrobe, fitted with dress pegs, drawer under, with looking-glass panelled centre door, chest of drawers with glass attached, marble-top washstand with towel rail attached, 2 cane-seat chairs, and pedestal.
73 Mahogany Toilet Glass; Do. Towel Rail.
75 Mahogany Chest of Drawers; well made.
76 6ft. MAHOGANY WARDROBE, fitted with dress pegs, sliding-trays, and drawers, enclosed by 3 panelled doors; a well-made lot.
77 Pair of Glazed Cornices; well made.
78 Rosewood Whatnot, with looking-glass panel.
79 Mahogany-frame Suite, comprising couch, lady's and gent's easy chairs, and 6 small chairs; spring seats; covered in morone skin.
80 Walnut Mantel Boards in morone velvet.
81 Tapestry Carpet, Hearth Rug.
83 Japanned Bed-room Suite, comprising wardrobe, fitted with dress pegs; chest of drawers, dressing table, toilet glass, washstand, 3 cane seat chairs, pedestal, and towel rail.
84 Walnut China Cabinet, lined with velvet.
85 Walnut Music Canterbury, Skin Rug.
87 Walnut-frame Drawing-room Suite, comprising couch, arm chair, and 6 small chairs, covered in morone velvet, and studded with brass nails.
88 Pair of hand-painted Oval Mirrors, on plush mounts, with candelabras.
89 ROSEWOOD CHINA CABINET, fitted with drawers and cupboards, with bevel-edge looking-glass, panelled back over.
90 Rosewood Mantel Mirror.
91 Rosewood Music Cabinet.
92 Ebonised-frame Table, velvet top.
93 Lady's Walnut Writing Davenport; a good lot.
94 Walnut Loo Table, Plush Table Cover.
96 Pair of Striped Window Curtains (chenille).
97 ROSEWOOD - CASE TWO - MANUEL HARMONIUM, with 22 stops and knee swells, by Alexandre.
98 Mahogany-frame Toilet Glass.
99 Mahogany Kneehole Dressing Table with 5 drawers.
100 Mahogany Kneehole Washstand, marble top; Towel Rail.
102 4ft. Mahogany Wardrobe, with looking-glass centre door.
103 Mahogany Half-tester Bedstead, well-made.
104 MAHOGANY BOOKCASE, enclosed with 2 glazed doors, drawers and cupboard under.
105 Walnut-frame Mirror, with bevel-edge glass panels.
106 Oil Painting, "Old Keep in Devon," by D. L. Couch.
107 Oil Painting, "Barking Church," by M. Antony.
108 Oil Painting, "The Village Feast."
109 Mahogany Easy Chair, hair-stuffed, in morocco.
110 Four Mahogany Chairs, hair-stuffed, in morocco.
111 Mahogany 3-tier Dinner Waggon.
112 Large Oak Hat and Umbrella Stand, with looking-glass panel and marble tab.
113 Walnut-frame Settee, hair-stuffed.
114 Circular Mahogany Pedestal, Hip Bath.
116 Fender, Fire Irons, Ashpan.

Sale in the evening at 6 p.m. prompt, a large assemblage of General Household Furniture.

SAMUEL LITHGOW will SELL BY AUCTION, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Feb. 24, 1891, at 4 o'clock, a powerful-toned TWO-MANUAL HARMONIUM, in rosewood case, with 22 stops and 2 knee swells; a first-class instrument, by Alexandre; suitable for a chapel or hall.

Granville Sale Room, Middlesbrough. 23

A FIRST-CLASS NEARLY NEW CHIP POTATO ENGINE AND WAGGON, with all the recent improvements, well painted and in good condition, brass caps to wheels, size 13in. by 6in., with shafts for pony, which will be SOLD BY AUCTION, on TUESDAY, Feb. 24th, 1891, by S. LITHGOW, at his Sale Room, Middlesbrough. Sale at 4.30 prompt. 23

CENTRAL HALL, REDCAR.

SALE BY AUCTION, in the above Hall, on THURSDAY, February 26th, at 1.30 p.m., of the Valuable Modern HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND EFFECTS of the residence No. 39, Newcomen-terrace West, Coatham (lately occupied by Mrs Marsden, who is leaving the district). Full particulars in sale bills to be had on application to the Auctioneers—

MESSRS WALKER AND SON, Offices: Redcar and Middlesbrough.

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MR JOHN J. HANSELL will SELL BY AUCTION on TUESDAY, February 24th, 1891 a large quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising kitchen dressers, book cases, chests of drawers, dresser chests, inlaid and other tables, &c., Sale to commence at one. 23

Sales by Auction.

SOUTH STOCKTON.

IMPORTANT SALE OF 23 HOUSES.

MESSRS BARNES AND BARNES have been favoured with instructions from the proprietor, who has removed from the town, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rokeby Hotel, South Stockton, on TUESDAY, February 24th, at 6 p.m. prompt:—

Lot 1.—The Ten Well-built DWELLING-HOUSES, Nos. 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 27, Francis-street, South Stockton, containing four rooms each, with yard and out offices. Rental £110 10s per annum.

Lot 2.—The block of Seven FREEHOLD HOUSES Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15, Hibernia-street, South Stockton. Similar to preceding properties as regards area, rental, and accommodation.

Lot 3.—The block of Six FREEHOLD HOUSES, Nos. 3, 5, 7, and 9, Caledonia-street, and the two End Houses, 17, Hibernia-street, and 18, Lumsdon-street. They are also similar to Lots 1 and 2.

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DESIRABLE SHOP PROPERTY IN POPULOUS LOCALITY FOR SALE.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at the Wellington Sale Rooms, No. 4, St. John's-road, Stockton, on THURSDAY, 26th February, 1891, at 6 for 7 p.m. (subject to conditions to be then produced)—

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1891.

CHURCH GOING AND EARLY CLOSING.

Most of our social reformers are agreed upon the desirability of two things—viz., a fuller and more regular attendance at church and an earlier closing of places of business. It is possible, and, indeed, highly probable, that to some extent the two classes of evil sought to be remedied are closely related. It may be that neglect of the Christian ordinances, or the causes of such neglect, tend to produce the deadening of sensibility that makes one section of the community feel careless or irresponsible for the welfare of another, and thus leaves the shopkeepers unsupported by the public sentiment or consideration that would, if it were exercised, quickly effect a limitation of their hours of business. It is more than probable that if the shopkeeping classes were not exhausted by their prolonged periods of service, especially on Saturdays, they would find themselves better fitted to enjoy the Sabbath rest and the Sabbath duties than they do at present, while the population generally, taught by the earlier closing of the shops to retire earlier to their homes on the Saturday night, might feel abler and more disposed to value and accept Christian teaching and join in Christian worship on the Sunday. But to whatever extent the two evils which are distressing the minds of our social reformers are interdependent we heartily commend the efforts now being made to promote amendment. Certainly it cannot be said in these days that the churches are indifferent to the welfare of the masses of the population, or are content to let them remain outside the influence of Christian service. On the contrary, all the sections and sects of the Christian Church are anxiously striving to attract the people to their places of worship, and to enrol them among their members, and are constantly devising means of increasing their congregational associations and influence. One of the most interesting and most recent of these efforts is the attempt, led in Middlesbrough by the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer, to discover by contact and discussion with the working men themselves why they do not go to church. The conference held yesterday afternoon in Newport-road Baptist Chapel was perhaps too tentative and too experimental in its nature to reach the root of the mystery or of the evil. But even as an initiatory effort we think it helped to bring into prominence the interesting and hopeful fact that neglect of church attendance is not to any appreciable extent due to a repudiation of the Christian faith. Further, it exhibited the Christian Church, as represented by the Rev. Mr Shearer and the Rev. Mr James, as anxious to bring and to keep itself in touch with the

THE WORKING MAN AND THE SABBATH.

WHY DOES HE NOT ATTEND CHURCH?

SPEAKING AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

At the Newport-road Baptist Church, Middlesbrough, yesterday afternoon an interesting discussion took place on the topic, "Why don't working men attend church?" which has been touched in other centres. The pastor, Rev. J. Shearer presided, and there was a large gathering, chiefly consisting of working men.—Mr. Gorman having briefly opened the discussion, Mr. J. Wilson Nicholson pointed out that there was a great deal of class distinction which led working men from attending with the middle and in his opinion class distinction to a considerable extent, shut the poor man out of the house of worship. In heaven there would be no such barriers, but it was not so here.—In the course of Mr. Thos. Smith one of the chief causes of working men from church was the dress, although he admitted that working men did not care about going to church.—Mr. Smith thought that

THE CHURCHES NEEDED WITH THE CHURCHES

They ought to go to the homes of the people and invite them to the house of God. Mr. Williams said he believed that working men were anxious to work on the Sabbath Day. He was now planning in Scotland to get on the railways Sunday labour, and Christian employers in Scotland were wanting to force the men to work on Sunday without extra pay. As a result of 9,000 men, however, he said employers would not

CONCEDE IT WAS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY.

Many working men did not object to pay for good salaries. But they objected to them giving themselves up as superior beings. They liked the ministers to go among the working men and their families, and in that respect they were behind the Roman Catholic priests. Another reason was that ministers of the Gospel did not deal with social questions in the way they ought to do. Working men preferred present good to future glory. The consideration of social life were such that a man who did not appear respectable was looked upon with a certain amount of contempt. That being so, the struggle and aim of life was to keep up a appearance of respectability, and thus their religion became a fraud.—Mr Hunter said he considered chapel for thirty years, but did not go

BECAUSE THE MINISTERS DO NOT PREACH THE GOSPEL.

as Christ did. The Bible taught man's duty to God, but he never went to a chapel yet the minister taught it. Class distinction was a great hindrance. He had seen in a church where seats were put up by auction and sold to the highest bidder till there was not a seat left for the poor. He thought class distinctions proved to him that churches and chapel-goers did not live up to the religion of Jesus Christ. Working men did not hear a word in the churches and chapels; they did not believe what they heard, and he believed that was the reason why

THEY DID NOT BELIEVE WHAT THEY PREACHED.

Mr. Hall said that working men had to work more hours and longer days, and if they went to church they would simply fall asleep. Ministers should interest themselves in the lives of these people instead of standing there in a condescending manner, and simply ask them to come to church. Mr. Wright said it appeared to him that at present was a period of transition in the world, and he was one of those who had confidence in the influence of the age. The most important feature of to-day was that the working classes were making a great transition in the most notable light. He was not limited by clergymen that

THEY MUST TRUST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

and to do and he thought that if that conception of ministers there ought to fall away. At one time if he passed a place of worship he thought it was a beautiful place to spend an hour in; but now, if he found ministers men standing at the street corner discussing questions of labour and social problems, he noticed it was because the condition of the people had altered that they were performing as religious work as those who were attending church. He thanked the sermons, which were too prosy and uninteresting.—Mr Jno. Barnes believed the reason block in the way was the publichouse. He was driven from church because he objected to take a collection-box round for the missionary fund while there were men and women around him starving through the depression in trade. He refused to do so the minister of the church declined to visit his house.—Mr Brown said he refused to attend church because he had to work about 80 hours a week and

HAD SOME SLEEP ON A SUNDAY.

If they went to the men who frequented the public-houses they would find that some of them knew more than the parson did. Working men did not go to church because the ministers tried to teach them something which they did not understand themselves. If they had more talent in the pulpit men of common sense, who preached what working men could understand, he believed they would attend. He also objected to Sunday labour on railways. If that were the case (congregationalist) said he as there to welcome any hint that might be made to make the Gospel of Christ more acceptable to the working classes. If anyone would calmly consider the reasons given why working men did not attend churches they would go away disappointed, but that he considered that if less time and money had been spent on those who were already Christians, and

SOME TIME AT MORE MONEY SPENT ON THOSE OUTSIDE

the world have been much more beneficial to it.—The Chairman in summing up, said there seemed to be a desire on the part of the working men, and he would only be too glad if they would help him to reform his church. Something certainly was wrong, the Church was certainly not the Church of Christ as they saw it in the Bible. The Church on the strict pure teachings of Christ there was no dogma which he would not give up. He hoped that meeting would do good, and that those working men in the churches and help them in the awakening which was already visible.

FATAL FIGHT BETWEEN SCHOOLBOYS.

John Wilkins, a schoolboy, who killed Charles Pullinger, a bigger boy, by throwing a stone while fighting with him, was charging before a coroner's jury on Saturday on a charge of manslaughter.

THE HOURS OF RAILWAYMEN.

LITERALLY WORKED TO DEATH.

At an inquest at the Charing Cross Hospital on Saturday on the body of a platelayer who was killed on Wednesday night outside the Charing Cross Station on the South-Eastern Railway, while acting as foreman, it was stated that the deceased had been on duty for sixteen hours.—The Coroner remarked that the man had evidently dozed while being overworked, and was knocked down.—The jury regarded the death as accidental, but added an expression of opinion that the hours of employment were too long.

DEATH OF ALDERMAN FOGGITT, OF DARLINGTON.

An old well-known figure in Darlington was on Saturday removed by death. Alderman Wm. Foggitt, J.P., who at the last Council meeting appeared in the best of health, became the victim of a fit a few days ago, from which he has gradually declined, and about ten o'clock on Saturday morning breathed his last. The late Alderman followed Mr Theodore Fry as leader of the borough twelve years ago, and his work in the Council, in committee, on the bench and in all public movements, has never since failed to have weight. It would be difficult to find another gentleman to perform such a quantity of public and private work, and receive such general respect as fell to the late Alderman, and his public sympathy will be felt with all who personally have the greatest cause to mourn his loss.

THE LARGEST NEWSPAPER ADVERTISER IN THE WORLD.

The Proprietors of the Institute of Chemistry were recently entertained by Mr Beecham at Mr Beecham's pills celebrity, at his residence, St. Helen's. This was a treat of a cost of over £30,000, and covers an area of 1,600 square yards. Over £30,000 is paid every year for stamp duty. Mr Beecham, whose speech was enthusiastically drank, said he was very pleased to be there, because, as they all knew, he had had a very long connection with the Press in fact, ever since he was a boy. He was a business which, to a certain extent, could not get along without advertising. It was generally admitted that he was under a great debt to the Press throughout the world. He thought he might say without egotism that he was the largest newspaper advertiser in the world. There was one firm that spent rather more than he did in advertising, but not so much in newspapers. He did not think he thought he might claim the honour of having spent more money than anyone else in the country in newspapers. He did not know what American firm did. It was of course more than any American firm did. It was very interesting to know how much large advertisements of Goddess were made with a certain amount of exaggeration, but he always liked to know what he made by figures. He had the figures in one or two gentlemen, and would corroborate what he said. He spent in a little over £95,000, and this year it would be £100,000. Out of that £85,000 went to the Press. He thought that was very important to the Press at the same time he always felt that he was under a certain amount of obligation to the newspapers. He had had a long connection with the Press, and during the whole of that time his relations with them had been of a very satisfactory character.

The Editor of the *Medical Annual* for 1890 writes that potash is largely used to add to the digestibility of many of the Cocoas on the market, but in the purest, MESSRS CADBURY supply an absolutely pure Cocoa of the highest quality; and that the characteristics of Cadbury's Cocoa or Chocolate are those of purity.—ADVT.

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THE SILKSWORTH EVICTIONS.

SYMPATHY WITH THE MINERS.

There seems to be no disposition on the part of the authorities to turn aside from the evicting process at Silksworth, which is just now arousing such intense feeling throughout the county of Durham, and, indeed, in all mining centres. At Sunderland 173 eviction warrants were applied for and granted to replace those which have lapsed through adjournments. Thornley and Station Town collieries joined in the strike in sympathy with the Silksworth men on Saturday morning. The men at New Seaham gave in their notices to-day, and it is understood the Rainton miners will follow. Yesterday the members of the Usworth Colliery Lodge of the Durham Miners' Association held a meeting on the quarry banks. It was resolved to continue working until a council meeting had decided to bring the county out. In the meantime, they would support by levies the men now on strike at Silksworth, or the whole of the employees of the Londonderry collieries should they lie idle. The Silksworth committee themselves are strongly of opinion that it would be a very foolish thing for the whole county to come out, because not only would Silksworth lose the levy money, but it would be against the rules of the Miners' Association, and they would not be supported by the association. The Monkwearmouth miners, at their adjourned meeting on Saturday, decided to go to work. At a meeting at Thrislington on Saturday a shilling levy was agreed to.

COLLIERIES TO RESTART WORK.

A meeting of Ryhope Colliery workmen was held yesterday in the Miners' Hall at that place, when it was decided to restart work to-day, seeing that other collieries in the East Durham district had failed to carry out their pledges to lie idle when the evictions began at Silksworth. Yesterday afternoon a meeting of representatives from several collieries in the district was held in the Mechonics' Institute, Wardley, to consider the present position in reference to the Silksworth dispute. The collieries represented were Boldon, Harton, Washington, St. Hilda, Redheugh, Deckham Hall, Wardley, and Springwell. A resolution was adopted expressing the opinion that those collieries which had ceased work should resume operations, and give every support to the men at Silksworth. Wardley will consequently resume work to-day.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING AT RYHOPE.

On Saturday evening a representative conference of miners was held in the Miners' Hall, Ryhope, the business being connected with the crisis at Silksworth. Delegates from Murton, South Hetton, Haswell, New Seaham, Marsden Harton, Houghton-le-Spring, Kelloe, Littletown, Castle Eden, North Biddick, Hutton Henry, Ryhope, Trimdon Grange, Usworth, Thornley, Hebburn, Sherburn Hill, Rainton, Wingate, and Elemore were present. Mr S. Wraith, secretary to the local lodge of the Durham Miners' Association, presided. Mr John Wilson, M.P., and Mr J. Johnson, members of the Durham Miners' Executive Council, were invited to take part in the meeting. The delegates had before them (1) whether the collieries they represented should lie idle; and (2) whether they would work and agree to recommend an additional levy to help the Silksworth men. During the course of the discussion, which was of a private character, general sympathy was expressed with the men at Silksworth, and the eviction proceedings were condemned. The conference ultimately adjourned till this afternoon, the delegates in the meantime to ascertain the feeling of the men.

STRIKE OF "CANDYMEN."

When the evictions were to have been commenced this morning it was found that the "candymen" had struck, and that consequently they could not be at once proceeded with.

ONE INDIRECT EFFECT OF THE STRIKE.

On Saturday the whole of the workmen at Messrs Candlish's extensive bottle manufactory at Seaham Harbour were served with notices to cease their employment in a week. There is no dispute at the works, but the proprietors have taken this precautionary measure in view of the probable stoppage of the Londonderry collieries, from which their coal supplies are obtained.

HOPES OF A SETTLEMENT.

EVICTIONS POSTPONED.

Telegraphing from Silksworth at noon, our representative says:—The village of Silksworth is alive this morning with growing hopes of a settlement. The evictions have been postponed pending the result of a conference between the Coalowners' Association and the representatives of the Miners' Association, held in Newcastle to-day. The men express the greatest satisfaction and glee at the prospect. Evictions today would have been less harmful and cruel than on Saturday, the day being beautifully fine in comparison with the bleak, bitter state of the atmosphere on Saturday. Yesterday

THOUSANDS OF VISITORS

went to the place to have a look round at the enormous amount of damage which the previous day's operations had entailed on the houses of the evicted, the cost of repairing which will fall on the noble owner. For the education of these visitors a meeting was held in the village, and the present situation cause of the dispute between the parties, and ultimate hopes fully explained. A resolution of condemnation was unanimously passed. This morning's evictions comprised a list of 95 houses, and were arranged to commence at nine o'clock, but no move being made at that hour it was evident something was amiss, and the miners speculated long as to the probable cause of the delay.

THE POLICE MOVED IN BODIES

in several directions, and like the Duke of York's army, which marched up the hill and then marched down again, so the bodies of police were marched to a point, and after tedious waiting, were marched back again. Whether a point was captured or the errand fruitless is one of the mysterious matters at Silksworth just now. The men are in no ways faint hearted; they will take eviction or settlement with equal glee, the latter with deeper feelings of satisfaction, however. The Marsden miners marched into the village only to find all proceedings stayed. At the hour intended for the commencement of operations there was a great crowd in the vicinity of Candy Hall, waiting to give the emergency men their morning welcome. The police were there in time too. Half an hour passed over, and still there was no sign of the force making a move for the scene of operations. The popular idea was that the hitch was

OWING TO THE CANDYMEN STRIKING WORK,

but when about twenty constables filed out of the farmyard and marched towards the colliery a shout went up that the blacklegs were at work, and that the officers had gone to escort them home. This, however, turned out to be incorrect. Shortly after ten the police force filed out of the grounds of Candy Hall. There were no candymen with them. When this was seen a shout of exultation went up from the spectators.

"THE CANDYMEN HAVE TAKEN THE CRAMP,"

said one lively young lassie as she danced in sheer delight. The march through the village was a different one to what has been the case since Thursday. Not a howl or a hiss was heard, and there was nothing but cheers —triumphant and defiant cheers.

"THE DEVIL HAS GOT THE CANDYMEN SINCE SATURDAY NIGHT,"

shouted one portly dame. "Where's Lefroy? I should like to have wished good-bye," said another "I should have liked to have given Ally Sloper a parting cheer," said a third woman. Not only was it stated that the candymen had struck work, but it was said that fifty had been telegraphed for to Consett. No Rule the Liberals would, and the "one man one vote" would also follow.—Mr Theodore Fry, M.P., followed with a short address upon the prospects of the Liberal party, and the large and enthusiastic meeting was brought to a close.

RAILWAY COLLISION IN CANADA.—Two goods trains came into collision at La Chute, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, on Friday. Two men were killed and several injured.

All who appreciate a really good cup of Cocoa should try Messrs Fry and Son's Pure Concentrated Cocoa. Analysed by Dr. Muter, Professor of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, says:—"I have never tasted Cocoa I like so well. . . . There are few who would not like this preparation." Ask for Fry's Pure Concentrated Cocoa.—ADVT.

KAY'S COMPOUND Essence of Linseed, Aniseed, Senega, Squill, Tolu, with Chlorodyne. 9d.—ADVT.

The inhabitants of Stockton and district will save money by making an early inspection of E. Cowley's select assortment of Watches and Jewellery 151, High-street, Stockton.—ADVT.

AVOID the dealer who offers you any plaster in place of ALLCOCK'S, saying they are as good; he is a man unworthy of trust. Honest men do not try to steal another's reputation.—ADVT.

LABOUR DISPUTE AT SOUTH STOCKTON.

WORKS CLOSED.

A dispute at the North Yorkshire Ironworks, South Stockton, reached a climax on Saturday, and to-day the works are closed, throwing some 600 men out of employment. The dispute has reference to the employment of "under-hands" as puddlers' assistants. Hitherto one of the two hands working at each furnace has been in many cases what is known as an underhand—in other words, an apprentice—paid about 3s 6d per shift, the general hand getting about 8s 6d. In other cases two fully-paid puddlers have been engaged, the wages then being equally divided, and an additional 1s per shift paid in respect of each furnace, this extra amounting to 11s per week on the entire shifts, of which there are six day and five night. This latter system—the "level-hand" system—is now sought to be changed by the management, who announced that otherwise the extra payment of 1s per shift would be stopped. The discontinuance of that extra would result in a weekly saving of about £27 to the company, there being some fifty furnaces in the works. The proposed alteration was resisted by the puddlers, who on Saturday struck work, and so threw out the remaining employees. At present a firm attitude is presented on both sides; and that the Company seem inclined to stick to their position is proved by the fact that, in apparent anticipation of a protracted stoppage, the officials and staff have receive notice to terminate their engagements.

ANOTHER HANLEY TRAGEDY.

ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A married man called Roberts, *alias* O'Neill, a native of South Staffordshire, living apart from his wife, recently went to lodge with a married woman named Jane Lindop, living apart from her husband at a little greengrocer's shop in Bucknall New-road, Hanley. After they had been acquainted a few weeks they cohabited. They frequently quarrelled, and ultimately Mrs Lindop ordered Roberts out of her house. He threatened to blow her brains out, and finally left her house a fortnight since. He has, however, frequently been seen near the house in intervals watching for Mrs Lindop, and he was so observed about ten o'clock last night. Mrs Lindop retired to rest about half-past ten in company with a little girl. The neighbours were awakened about half-past eleven by the reports of firearms. An alarm was raised and the house entered. Mrs Lindop was found prostrate, having been felled with a hammer and shot with a revolver, whilst her would-be murderer was lying dead with a self-inflicted wound in his temple. The woman was conveyed to the North Staffordshire Infirmary, where she lies in a dangerous condition.

WRECK AND LOSS OF 18 LIVES.

A telegram from New York to-day says:—The ship Elizabeth has been wrecked in San Francisco Harbour with the loss of 18 lives.

EXTENSIVE FIRE AT GRIMSBY.

A serious fire occurred at Grimsby this morning, the steam saw mills, joiners' works, and stock owned by Mr Benton being destroyed. The premises included timber yard and a covered area of 3,000 square yards. On the top floor were joiners' shops, and the mill contained eight large machines. The fire, which appeared to have originated in the engine-house, rapidly extended over the whole building. The whole of the property was in three lots, and was completely destroyed. The loss will amount to £10,000.

THE SCOTCH BLAST-FURNACEMEN'S STRIKE.

There continues to be no change in the position of affairs with regard to the blast-furnacemen's struggle with Scotch ironmasters. The first case of lawlessness during the whole twenty weeks of the strike occurred on Friday night, and on Saturday at one of the Glasgow Police Courts, Patrick Fanner, a blast-furnace man on strike, was charged with assaulting a "blackleg," named Edward M'Gown. Accused called M'Gown a "scab," and knocked his pipe from his mouth. He was fined 42s or 30 days, the bailie remarking that conduct of this kind must be put down. On the same night a slight disturbance took place at Gartsherrie, where an effigy of one of the nonunion men was burned in the Square. The police, seiving the burning figure, put it under a pump. Returning later they saw a crowd round the house of a contractor named Robert Holly. They arrested two men, who were charged the next day with breach of the peace. One named Fagan was fined 30s or 30 days, and the other 10s or 10 days. The masters at Dixon's claim that their furnaces are doing good work, but this is contradicted by men who can see into the works from their houses. The stoppage of the ammonia manufacture is said to mean a loss to the company of £500 weekly.

OVERCROWDING AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

At the Middlesbrough Police Court to-day James Walker was charged with assaulting William Caddick.—From the evidence it appeared that complainant, who is the tenant of a house in Thomas-street, had sub-let a room in the house to defendant. As the room had been condemned by the sanitary authorities as being too small for the accommodation of defendant, his wife, and four children, complainant had repeatedly ordered him to leave, but without result, and last week's matters culminated in a squabble between the parties and their respective wives. During the melee a knife, hammer, and tongs were alleged to have been used, and both complainant and defendant showed marks of the violence received at each others hands.—Defendant said he had lost several days' work in trying to find a house, but had failed, and he could not live with his wife and children in the open air.—The Magistrates (Messrs Thompson and Leonard) dismissed the case, each side to pay their own costs.—Complainant: How am I to get that man (pointing to defendant) out of my house?—Mr Thompson: We have nothing at all to do with that.

EARLY CLOSING.

(To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.)

Sir,—Although not ungrateful for any assistance rendered by the Trades Council to our cause in the past, I cannot conscientiously alter the sentence to which Mr Smith takes objection. Hereditary bondsmen we doubtless are, and if the old adage be true, as Mr Smith says, if it be absolutely imperative that we ourselves must strike the blow that assets us liberty, why should we be reviled for declining the assistance of another organisation whose power in such a case as this is, to say the least, doubtful. Then again I fail to see how the idea was conveyed to your correspondent that we rail against everybody but ourselves. Certainly my last letter was calculated to give no such impression, and I cannot conscientiously alter the sentence as it reads it attentively. And although we have an indisputable evidence been found guilty of that most odious of all crimes, respectability, and although our house is not in order—although our society is no use whatever—although there are assistants who will neither help with their money nor their time, yet we are audacious and unreasonable enough to appeal with confidence to a justice-loving public, organised, unorganised, or disorganised, to endeavour as far as possible to make their purchases within fourteen hours on a Saturday. Do not assistants and men may have a chance of an hour's repose before midnight.—Yours respectfully,

SEVEN O'CLOCK.

THE SEAMEN'S DISPUTE.

MANIFESTO BY THE SHIPPING FEDERATION.

Copies of a manifesto by the Shipping Federation have this morning been posted about the docks and wharves at Middlesbrough and Stockton, setting forth the present attitude of the Federation in relation to the dispute with the seamen and firemen. The matters in dispute and the course of events so far are recited, and it is remarked that "the inconvenience to the public and shipowners has been very great, and the loss of wages to shipowners in the port of London has been considerable." The resolutions passed by the Shipping Federation are then given, in larger type, as follows:—(1) "That on and after Monday, the 23rd inst. (that is to-day) no member of the Federation shall employ on board his vessels any seaman or fireman who is not willing to pledge himself to adhere to the following regulation—namely, that every seaman, by signing, pledges himself to carry out his agreement in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Acts, and to proceed to any port in any part in which he signs articles, notwithstanding that other members of the crew may or may not be members of any seamen's union." (2) "That the Shipping Federation are determined at all costs to maintain the right of their individual members, in accordance with their Shipping Acts, to sign their crews at the shipping offices or on board ship, as may be most convenient to them." It is added that in adopting these resolutions the Federation desire it to be understood that they do not wish to interfere with any union of men so long as the legal rights of others are respected; and that they are not seeking to effect any reduction of wages. They "earnestly invite all industrious and well-disposed shipworkers to co-operate with their employers" in putting an end to the dispute. The manifesto is signed by Mr G. W. Laws, the general manager and secretary.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.—A labouring man named Wm. Allan, reputed to be in his 107th year, died at Taunton yesterday.

TWO FISHERMEN DROWNED.—A boat with four fishermen, engaged in salmon fishing, capsized at Redcar pier, inside Cork harbour, on Saturday night, and two of them named Shea, uncle and nephew, were drowned.

HAVE YOU A PAIN ANYWHERE?—ALLCOCK'S PLASTER is the remedy.—ADVT.

HAVE YOU A BACKACHE? Use ALLCOCK'S PLASTER.—ADVT.

Tobacconists' Commencing Ill'd Guide, 3d. Tobacconists Co 186, Euston London-road.—ADVT.

North Country News.

Great Clearance Sale of Remnants at Pottage's Sale to-day. East-st. and South-st.—ADVT.

S. Leach and Son, Picture Frame Makers, Carvers, and Gilders. Zetland-rd., M'bro'.—ADVT.

Rev. J. L. Rentoul, of Sunderland, preaches in Newport-road Presbyterian Church To-night at 7.30. Collection.—ADVT.

Reduced Passages to America by the magnificent steamers of the Warren Line; Boston, New York, or Philadelphia, £3 10s. Apply Thompson Dickinson, 71, Mandale-rd., South Stockton.—ADVT.

A DANGEROUS DRIVER AT MIDDLESBROUGH.—John Reveley, fish hawker, was fined 20s at the Middlesbrough Police Court this morning for furiously driving a horse and cart along Cannon-street while in an intoxicated condition.

STOPPAGE OF MIDDLESBROUGH BLAST-FURNACES.—A second blast-furnace at the Acklam Ironworks, and one at Messrs Wilson, Pease, and Co.'s works, Middlesbrough, are being put out of blast. The reason is, in both cases, the need of repair, both furnaces having worn out.

TO CYCLISTS.—Remember the important Discussion on the "Tyre Question," promoted by the N.O. and M.C.C., at the Imperial Hotel Tomorrow (Tuesday) night at 7.30. All cyclists cordially invited.—ADVT.

INQUEST ON DEATH OF A CHILD AT MIDDLESBROUGH.—Early yesterday morning a child named Norah White, aged 11 weeks, died suddenly at its residence, Fairbridge street, Middlesbrough. It was fed by the mother at five o'clock, and at eight she found it was dead.

NIGHT POACHING NEAR HARTLEPOOL.—To-day before Geo. King, of Warren-terrace, Hartlepool, was fined 40s and 10s 6d costs, or a month's hard labour, for poaching on land at Hart Warren, in the occupation of Mr W. Thompson, of Dyke House

NO TICKET.—At South Stockton Police Court this afternoon Martin Fellan, a South Hetton miner, was fined 10s 6d or 14 days for travelling on the North-Eastern Railway without a ticket. He landed at South Stockton on Saturday night, ticketless, by an excursion train from Sunderland.

THE LATE REV. G. P. WILKINSON, J.P., C.A., &c.—A spire for Thornley Church is to be erected as a memorial to the late Rev. G. P. Wilkinson, J.P., county alderman, who formerly held the living. The church is situate on the family estate at Harperley. The new Vicar has already obtained several liberal donations.

RAILWAY PROSECUTION AT CASTLE EDEN.—At Castle Eden Police Court on Saturday David Cohen and Abrahain Cohen, father and son, travelling drapers, were charged with defrauding the North-Eastern Railway Company, and were fined for the two charges £2 17s, or three weeks' imprisonment each.

A MOST DANGEROUS PRACTICE.—This afternoon at South Stockton Police Court Joseph Jennings and Richard Cotterell, boys of 14 and 15, were charged with throwing missiles in the streets. Defendants were caught shooting iron nuts and pellets from catapults.—They were fined 6s and 9s costs each, or 14 days, with a warning that future offenders would probably be sent to prison.

POULTRY NUISANCE AT SOUTH STOCKTON.—Wm. Anderson, poulterer, 13, Gladstone-street, was proceeded against before the South Stockton Justices this afternoon under the Public Health Act.—Mr W. J. Watson prosecuted for the Local Board.—It was proved by Mr W. J. Alderson, Inspector of Nuisances, that a great nuisance and source of danger was carried by the filthy condition of defendant's yard, where ducks and hens were kept. The stench was abominable.—Ordered to pay 10s 6d costs, and also to abate in three days.

OPENING OF THE MIDDLESBROUGH IRON SHIPPING SEASON.—On Friday the s.s. Zamova left Middlesbrough with 1,600 tons of pig iron for Stettin. This is one of the earliest shipments to the Baltic on record. The opening of the Continental ports is influencing the iron market for spring delivery. The Tees is generally frozen at the present time. On Saturday 4,275 tons of pig iron and 3,026 tons of manufactured iron and steel —total 7,301 tons—were cleared at the Middlesbrough Customs House.

ASSAULT AT MIDDLESBROUGH.—At the Middlesbrough Police Court to-day Patrick Scullion was charged with being drunk and riotous and assaulting Abraham Unthank.—Prisoner, a mere lad, while under the influence of drink on Saturday afternoon, accosted prosecutor, and because he would not give him money for more drink struck him a severe blow in the face.—Fined 5s 6d for each offence, or one month's imprisonment in all.

SHOP ROBBERY AT HARTLEPOOL.—To-day John Walker (57), and Thos. Robson (42), labourers, residing in Fox-street, Hartlepool, were each sentenced at that town to three months' hard labour for stealing a pair of boots, value 10s, from the shop of Messrs Gray, Pescrill, and Co., High-street, on Saturday night. Both men had been previously convicted.

SHIP LAUNCH AT MIDDLESBROUGH.—This afternoon there was launched from the shipbuilding yard of Messrs W. Harkess and Son, Middlesbrough, a steamer built to Lloyd's high class of the following dimensions:—254ft. long, 34ft. broad, 17ft. 6in depth, moulded. She will be fitted with 128 horse power engines by the Tyne Boiler Works Company, Limited, and is intended to carry 1,900 tons deadweight. She was christened the Ivanhoe.

AN "AGNI SALLY" PROPRIETOR'S TROUBLE.—This morning at Middlesbrough Police Court Walter Cooke pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.—Inspector Knowlson said prisoner was the proprietor of an "Agni Sally" stall, and was in the Market-place on Saturday night, when he did such a thriving business that he got drunk, and quarrelled with almost everyone who came near him.—Several previous convictions were proved against him, and he was fined 15s, including costs.

SHIPYARD ROBBERY AT SOUTH STOCKTON.—The South Stockton Justices this afternoon dealt with George Thompson, John Casey, and Frank Casey, Stockton men, employed on the river in connection with sand keels, who were charged with stealing a quantity of rope, the property of Messrs Richardson, Duck, and Co., shipbuilders. The rope (about 14cwt.) was stolen from near the quay side on the 19th or 20th, and sold at Ingram's Marine Store, Stockton, by the prisoners.—Frank Casey was exonerated by the others and acquitted; the others were committed for a month.

WIFE DESERTION AT MIDDLESBROUGH.—To-day at the Middlesbrough Police Court Bernard Donahue, ironworker, was summoned at the instance of the Middlesbrough Guardians for deserting his wife and six children.—Mr Humphrey, Relieving Officer, said his attention was called to the case, and on visiting prisoner's house a fortnight ago he saw there was not a stick of furniture and not a bit to eat. He gave the woman an order for the Workhouse, and left her with her children after telling a pitiable tale of want and destitution.—The Magistrates sentenced prisoner to a month's hard labour.

APPLETON, FRENCH, AND SCRAFTON, LIMITED.—The second ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held on Saturday at the Cannon street Hotel, London. Mr Richard Henry Appleton (the Mayor of Stockton) presided, and, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, congratulated the meeting on the success of working of the Company during the first year of its operations. The report has already published. The Chairman said the public appreciated the quality of the flour produced. New centres were being developed, and amicable relations, as far as practicable, cultivated with neighbouring millers. The future was also full of promise. He moved the adoption of the report, and Mr E. J. Trueman seconded, and it was carried.—Mr Robert Scrafton, of Middlesbrough, then proposed the payment of a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, which was carried. —The Chairman proposed the re-election of the retiring director, Mr Robert Scrafton, and this was carried.

A CURIOUS DOG STORY.—At South Stockton Police Court this afternoon Robert Hunter, employed in Messrs Craig, Taylor, and Co.'s shipyard, was charged with stealing a fox terrier, value £5, the property of Henry Simpson. The dog disappeared early this morning, and was found in Hunter's possession, lay on the 7th he sold it to John Ferguson, a fellow workman, at a public-house, for "sixpence, a bit of tobacco, and drinks round," representing about 2s 6d. Prisoner was offering the dog to "the highest bidder," saying he had no licence, and could not keep it. Ferguson subsequently sold it to George Lodge, a moulder, for 10s. Lodge, in his evidence, admitted that the dog was "good value for £7," and that he was a bit suspicious when he bought it. It was shown by evidence from Sergeant Nicholson that on the Wednesday preceding the 7th prisoner took the dog to Simpson's as a "lost dog," and got 1s for his trouble. He then said the terrier had followed him from a public-house, and he "kicked it away." That was his defence now. He denied selling it.—The Bench regarded it more as a "spree" than a crime, and simply ordered prisoner to pay the costs, £1 0s 6d.

CLEVELAND FOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—Mr Waynman Dixon presided over the annual gathering in connection with this Society at the King's Head Hotel, Middlesbrough, on Saturday night, Mr J. H. Gordon occupying the chair. Mr Geo. Hall proposed "The Town and Trade of Middlesbrough," alluding with satisfaction to the prosperity of the town. He was inclined to think that when the census was taken Middlesbrough would be found to have increased in population as quickly as any manufacturing town in the kingdom. Whilst they at present the prospect was not quite so bright as a year ago, he thought 1891 might be a fairly good year.—The Vice-Chairman having responded, the Chairman proposed "Prosperity to the Cleveland Iron Trade Foremen's Association." Masters, foremen and workmen were, he believed, all interested in the prosperity of the Association, because by its prosperity they were doing a great deal to forward the interests of the place as well as encourage the spirit of comradeship and sociability. The changed circumstances under which the large works were conducted now rendered common more responsible, seeing that the apprentices were turned out capable and efficient workmen. The toast was coupled with the name of Mr R. J. Worth, the president, who responded.—The other toasts were "Our Visitors," proposed by Mr T. Hoskinson, seconded by Mr E. Brown; and "Prosperity to Kindred Associations," proposed by Mr Wilson, and responded to by Messrs Pourie (London), Thornton (Leeds), W. Mayer (Newcastle), and T. Meacock (Birmingham). Several members also gave songs.

HATS, UMBRELLAS, SHIRTS, and GLOVES.—For the best value and largest stocks try Snaith, 20, Wilson-street, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

Call on Horace Pilcher for Seasonable Hosiery, &c. 27, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbro'.—ADVT

HATS! HATS!! HATS!!!—Large Consignment of Felt Hats. Grand shapes and best value in the world. W. Snaith, 20, Wilson-street, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

LINUM CATHARTICUM PILLS, agreeably aperient, 9½d, 13½d, 2s 9d. Of all Chemists.—ADVT.

This Day's Commercial News.

Bank rate (discount)	3 p.c.
Do. for Advances	3½ p.c.
Market rate of discs., 60 days' drafts	3½ p.c.
Do. do. 3 months	3½ p.c.
Do. do. 4 months	3½ p.c.
Do. do. 6 months	3½ p.c.
Loans to bill-brokers, day to day	2½ to 2¾ p.c.
Do. do. for one week	2½ p.c.
Rate for foreign, loans to stock-brokers	2½ to 2¾ p.c.
Deposit allowance (banks)	1½ p.c.
Do. do. (discount houses)	1½ to 1¾ p.c.

The total of the applications received for the first share issue of £500,000 in the Securities Insurance Company, Limited, amounts to upwards of £500,000, and requires that it become in from the country branches of the banks. Letters of allotment will regret will be posted to-day.

The subscription lists for Merry and Cuninghame, Limited, have been opened to-day, and will be closed not later than Wednesday next. The share capital is £250,000, divided into 12,500 ordinary shares of £10 each, £125,000; 12,500 7 per cent. preference shares of £10 each, £125,000. The preference shares are entitled to a cumulative preferential dividend of 7 per cent. per annum, and to a priority over the ordinary shares in the distribution of assets. The Company has been formed for the acquisition from the long established and highly reputable firm of Messrs. Merry and Cuninghame, as from 30th November, 1890, of:—The Carnbroe Ironworks, the Auchinraith Colliery, the North Motherwell Colliery, the Bardykes Colliery, the Interman Coal and Ironstone Pits, all situate in the counties of Lanark and Renfrew. The vendors, who, with the Corporate Trust, Limited, are promoters of the Company, have fixed the purchase price at £350,000, payable as to £150,000 in cash, £125,000 in fully paid ordinary shares, £40,000 in debenture cash, at £350,000 payable as to £150,000 in cash, £125,000 in fully paid ordinary shares, £40,000 in debenture cash, at par, and £35,000 in 7 per cent. preference shares at par. Applications for shares or cash, at the option of the Directors.

The following new business is offered to the public:—The Algeciras (Gibraltar) Railway Company, Limited. Share capital £736,000. Issue of £2,0,000 5 per cent. debenture stock. Offices: 2, Coleman-street, London, E.C.

S. Ward (Limited); share capital £50,000, in 7,000 ordinary £5 and 3,000 7 per cent. cumulative preis. of £5. Debenture capital £15,000, in 1,500 mortgage debentures. Issue of 5,400 shares of £5, 3,600 ordinary, and 1,400 7 per cent. Lists will close on Wednesday next. Offices: 77, Colmore-row, Birmingham.

Sheffield and District Ladies (Limited); capital £10,000, in 2,000 shares of £5 each; 1,400 pre. ered and 600 deferred. The 1,400 are offered to the public. Offices: 3, Hunmanby-crescent, Sheffield.

The Quadruple Delivery Machine Co. (Limited):—Capital £120,000, in 100,000 ordinary £1 shares, and 10,000 founders' shares of £2 each. All offered. Lists open to-day (Monday) at 2 p.m., and close on Wednesday. Offices: 31, Old Broad-street, London, E.C.

The Brewery and Commercial Investment Trust (Limited). Authorised capital, £500,000, of which £250,000 is already issued. The issue of 100,000 unallotted of the first issue of £15,000 5 per cent. Lists open to 27th inst. Offices: 12, Moorgate street, London, E.C.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

11.20 a.m.

Money in good demand at 2¾ per cent.; discount rates for three months' bills 2½ per cent. Consols steady; rise: Account ⅛. Rupee paper ⅛; fall: 4's and 4½'s ⅛. Home railways irregular. American quiet, Trunks steady. Foreign bonds better. Argentine Bonds better. Mines steady. Nitrates quiet. The principal changes since Saturday's closing are:—Rise: Railways: Great Western ⅛, Midland ⅛, South-Eastern ⅛, Ordinary ⅛, Metropolitan Land ⅛, Brighton Def. ¼ down. American railways: Denver ¼ up; Northern Pacific Pref. ¼, Pennsylvania ⅛ down. Trunks: Ordinary ⅛ up; 4 per Cent. ⅛ down. Mexican railways: Ordinary ⅛ up; 1st Pref. ⅛ down. Mexican bonds: Second Series ⅛ up. Foreign bonds: Brazil 5's up, Turkish 7½'s, Portuguese ⅛, Italian

CHIPS.

The Sheriff of Glasgow says 30,000 people get drunk in that city every Saturday night.

Lord Randolph Churchill does not propose to take any active part in the business of the remainder of the session.

The number of householders canvassed with the view of obtaining their opinion on Sunday closing now reaches 918,289; of these 745,171 were in favour, 105,325 against, and 67,793 neutral.

Lady Dunlo has been out of the bill at Drury Lane for a few days. She caught a violent cold, and was compelled at last to knock up for a time. She has been staying for a day or two at Brighton with her husband.

A colonial scientist professes to have discovered that "Englishmen, when they settle in Australia, get a peculiar roughness about the hair and beard that they rarely have at home, but which is typical of the Australian aboriginal."

The total number of personal accidents of all kinds reported to the Board of Trade by the several railway companies during the first nine months of 1890 amounted to 814 persons killed and 7,964 injured.

There is a far larger proportion of University students in Germany than with us. We have, too, no University which for numbers can compare with the great University of Berlin, now the foremost school of learning in the world.

The National Drink Bill for 1890 has been calculated, and shows an increase over that of 1889 of no less than £7,282,194. It will be remembered that the Bill of 1889 exhibited an apparent increase over that of 1888 of £7,697,930.

A lady of Bedford has raised an interesting point. Her groom had grown a pair of moustaches and declined to remove them, pleading his doctor's advice. She dismissed him on the spot, and the County Court judge has decided that it was a wrongful dismissal.

This is Miss Amelia Edwards's estimation of the character sties of three great English novelists:—Dickens showed men not quite as they were, Trollope painted them as they appeared, but Thackeray read them through and through. In her opinion Thackeray was the greatest master of fiction the world has ever seen.

When the general election comes Mr Edward Terry will probably be found amongst the combatants. Unfortunately he will be found on the wrong side, and will probably be defeated. It is rather his misfortune than his fault that he is a Tory. He was born a Tory, and in spite of everything has remained one.

We have been favoured with a record of Jim Valentine's doings by a Lancastrian. He has scored exactly 50 tries this season, besides dropping several goals. Eleven of these tries have been gained in county matches, and under his captaincy Lancashire as a county has swept the board this season. His form is no mere flash in the pan either, and his consistency is demonstrated by a score of 150 tries for the past three seasons. These facts are a complete answer to those who dub Valentine "a mere sprinter."

Mr Chauncey M. Depew, in one of the latest of his celebrated after dinner speeches, told of a check he received in his earlier flights of oratory. He said: "I made a speech in my youth, in the Mohawk Valley, when I was frisky with aurora borealis and rainbows. I was depicting the possibility of the ideal Republic under the principles of the party which I loved, and when I concluded an old campaigner, an old-timer, an old 'Spoilsman,' stepped up to me and said, 'Chauncey, that speech had more frill than shirt.' (Laughter.) Since then I have endeavoured to exhibit the garment of my ancestors."

It ought to be some consolation to the British farmer, who always finds the times never so bad as now, to know that the Yankee farmer is in very much the same condition. Here is a deplorable report, for instance, just submitted to the New York Legislature:—"Everywhere we are confronted with the statement that farming lands are depreciating, that sales are infrequent, and that the industry continues growing less profitable. In many instances mortgage liens upon farms represent their full value, and unencumbered farms are unusual and exceptional."

It is an awful revelation about our Lord Mayor which the *Hall Mall Gazette* has made. To think that, just when we are priding ourselves on having got a chief magistrate who can preach a lovely sermon just like a real parson, it should turn out that he has cribbed in all from Mr Spurgeon! It isn't fune; it can't be true! London will read with joy the intimation conveyed to the Press that, "so far as he is aware," his lordship never saw Mr Spurgeon's sermon. If the sermon was stolen—and that seems only too clear—it must have been by somebody else, probably Mr Spurgeon, in a fit of jealousy at the Lord Mayor's reputation as a preacher. The dates are a little against this explanation, as Mr Spurgeon's sermon was published in 1856. But perish chronology rather than London's Chief Magistrate should be suspected of literary piracy.

The late Superior of the Sisters of Charity of the Paris military hospital of Val-de-Grâce was a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. It was M. Carnot who had pinned to her dress the bit of red ribbon soon after his elevation to the presidency. Her funeral, which took place a few days ago, was as humble as that of a pauper, and by her express wish no military honours were paid to her remains. This aged religious of more than ninety years, nearly sixty of which had been passed in religion and more than thirty at the hospital of Val-de-Grâce, was known only as Sœur Céline. A small, active woman, with refined features and gentle manners, almost to the last her delight seemed to be in ministering to the sick. In the infirmary her presence acted as a tonic to the poorest soldier as well as to officers on the sick list. The office of superior seemed to be forgotten in the winning personality of Sœur Céline. Sœur Céline had a past history, an honourable one though purposely forgotten by herself. It seems that before assuming the *coiffe* of a Sister of Charity, she had been known as Madame de Mousse, and, as maid of honour in the Court of Charles X. had been one of the ornaments of French society of that period. When the Franco-German war broke out, though she was seventy years of age, she left Val-de-Grâce to join the army of Bazaine. Afterwards she displayed skill as a tactician in escaping from Metz and joining the army of the Loire.

The remains of the late Colonel Richard Dyott, of Freeford, were interred on Thursday night in St. Mary's Church at Lichfield, and the funeral was the occasion of a very novel and picturesque gathering. The family of the Dyotts is one of very ancient date and for generations past a connection, which has become historic, has been maintained between its members and the city of Lichfield. The ancestors of Colonel Dyott represented Lichfield in eighteen Parliaments, from the year 1601 to the year 1735. It was Dumb Dyotts who shot down from the battlements of Lichfield Cathedral, during the siege, Lord Brooke, the leader of the Parliamentary forces, and another member of the family, John Dyott, who is mentioned by Shakespeare in the second part of "King Henry IV.," act 3, scene 3. Sir Richard Dyott and other members of the family took a prominent part on the Royalist side in the Civil Wars, and suffered much for their fidelity. From this period is believed to have originated the custom of burying their dead at night by torchlight to avoid collisions with the Parliamentary forces. Colonel Dyott himself represented Lichfield in Parliament from 1865 to 1880, and for upwards of 50 years was the leader of the Conservative party in the city. As such he was held in high esteem, and being the last of his race great eagerness was manifested in and around the city to witness his obsequies under the peculiar conditions in which they took place. No mourners or followers were allowed, in accordance with the express wishes of the deceased, and the hearse was followed by only a brougham containing his agent and butler, and his own private carriage closed. Three private carriages, however, were permitted to precede the hearse, one representing the High Sheriff of the county, and another containing Lieutenant-General Richard Birmaby, B.E., heir to the estates. On either side of the hearse were four torch-bearers, and in front of the hearse walked eight under-bearers, servants, and workpeople on the estates. The hearse was drawn by four horses, and the weird light reflected from the flambeaux which the torch-bearers carried illuminated the *cortège* and streets, and constituted a spectacle at once picturesque and unique. Neither music nor hymns were introduced, and no wreaths or flowers were permitted to be deposited on the coffin or at the grave.

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

Better be good than great. You'll have less competition.

Squimps: "How's the new baby?" Jenkins: "How is he? He's a howling success, and don't you forget it!"

A New York editor is trying to decide which is proper, "I saw an opera" or "I heard an opera." If he sat behind the regulation size bonnet the latter term is correct.

"So your servant has run off, Mrs Simpson. How foolish in her to leave a good home like that. Don't you think she'll regret it?" Mrs Simpson: "Yes, my husband went with her."

Ponsonby: "Education! Don't tell me! America is far behind Europe. Why, sir, look at France, for instance." Bagley: "Well, what of France?" Ponsonby: "Well, sir, even the little children there can speak French."

Mr Tootles (who has been scolded by his wife for being out late): "If you don't like it, my dear, why don't you strike, as factory employees some times do?" Mrs Tootles: "No, I won't strike; but you'll find there'll be a lock-out some night."

American girls have been told that the Duchess of Fife makes excellent butter, and is very proud of it. It is now quite fashionable, a New York contemporary says, for girls to make bread and butter instead of painting in water colours, modelling in clay, and writing verses.

Nervous old lady (in sleeping car): "Oh, stewardress, where do I sleep?" Stewardess: "What is the number of your berth, ma'am?" Nervous old lady: "I don't see what that has to do with it, but if you must know, it is third—there was a brother and sister born before me."

"Cornelius," said Mrs Maddergrass to her husband, "I wish you would give me some instruction in pistol shooting." "You are not afraid of burglars, are you?" asked Maddergrass. "No; but I understand that a census taker will be along soon to ask women how old they are."

"What do you want?" asked the lady of the house sharply, as she opened the door in response to a ring. "I'm a taxidermist, madam, and I called to——" "Well, we pay our taxes when they're due, and no sooner, so you can skip!" and the door was banged like the forehead of a girl fresh from school.

New father-in-law: "Well, sir, the ceremony is over, and now that you are the husband of my daughter I want to give you a little advice. What would you do if you should wake up some night and find burglars in the house?" Bridegroom: "I should tell them that my father-in-law forgot to give my wife a wedding dowry, and they'd go away."

"What's the matter?" asked a department clerk of Gus de Jay. "You look as if something had occurred to make you look unhappy." "Ya as; watlish." "What is the trouble?" "I was holding Miss Kenworth's hand, and I awaked her if she'd objects to my inpwinting a kiss upon it." "And did she?" "No; she said that it had been stung by a bee and bit by a mosquito, and she guessed it could stand it."

CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES.

"What speed has that horse got?" he asked of a coloured man, whose knock-kneed animal was pulling a load of ashes. "Well, sah, dat depends," was the answer. "On what?" "On whar he am. Right yere he probably won't do better than a mile an hour, but when he is on the railroad track, wid a big freight train screamin' down upon him, he gits wings on his body and flies at de rate of a mile in twenty minits."

SHE PROPOSED.

Jack Dash: "Charlie, what do you think Miss Passe said to me last night at the ball?" Charlie Fast: "Can't imagine." Jack Dash: "Well, she looked at me in a melting sort of way, and said, with a blush, 'Jack, you are an indifferent sort of cavalier, so you must pardon me if I propose——'" Charlie Fast: "Good heavens! you don't mean it?" Jack Dash (continuing calmly): "'——If I propose that you make an effort to reach the supper-table before the seats are all appropriated.'"

HE MADE HIS CHOICE.

A young man, at the risk of his life, saved a beautiful young girl from drowning. Her grateful father, in a voice tremulous with emotion, said, "Noble youth, to you I am indebted for everything that makes life dear to me. Which reward will you take, £5,000 or the hand of my daughter?" "I'll take the daughter," replied the hero, thinking to get both the girl and the money. "Now, you have well chosen," replied the grateful father. "I could not have given you the £5,000 just yet, anyhow, as I have not yet saved up that amount, being only an editor; but my daughter is yours for life. Bless you, my children!"

WHO WAS HE?

Public fame is not without its drawbacks. Bishop X. was once in a railway train, when he was greeted very warmly at the carriage door by a strange gentleman. "This is Dr. X., I believe," said the stranger, extending his hand. "I am glad to meet you for my own sake, but especially for the sake of my little boy in the next carriage, who will regard meeting you as an epoch in his life." The boy was brought and informed, with great impressiveness, that this was Doctor X. "I don't know him," said the urchin, bluntly. "What!" exclaimed the embarrassed father. "You have often heard of him." The boy's face was blank, and he shook his head. "Why, just think a moment. You've heard his name connected with something. What is it?" The boy realised that something was expected of him, and after a moment's thought he asked, "Is it Doctor X.'s tooth-powder?"

A COSTLY DINNER.

Two darkeys made, in partnership, a splendid cotton crop and shipped it to New Orleans. One of the partners came down with it to sell it and to buy provisions for the next year. After the sale of the cotton, he was walking down the street looking for something to buy as a present for his partner. In passing a bird store in Charles-street his eye was caught by a parrot, and he went in and priced it. He was told twenty-five dollars. "Huh," said he—"twenty-five dollars for that bird?" "Yes," said the dealer; "that bird can talk." "I mean hear him," said the darkey. And the parrot was put through his paces. The darkey bought him, and, as he had to stay over the week to buy provisions for the following year, he shipped him upon the boat leaving that afternoon, directed to his partner. The next week he returned, and, as he stepped off the boat, he was met by his partner, when, after the usual salutations, the following conversation took place. "Well, Tom, how did you like dat bird I sent you?" "He wuz a mighty putty bird, but he were pow'ful tough." "Tuff! Tuff! You doan' mean ter tell me dat you dun eat dat bird?" "Eat dat bird? In course I dun eat dat bird!" "Why sarse! Nigger, dat bird cost twenty-five dollars, an' he can talk like er lawyer." "Well, of dat bird can talk, when I had him by de neck and wuz sqwine ter wring his head off, why didn't he say so."

HONOUR AMONG THIEVES.

Sir Edwin Landseer was commissioned by Mr Wells to paint a favourite dog of his; but the great artist had so many works in hand of greater importance that he begged for some months' delay. After the lapse of considerable time he met Mr Wells in the street, and told him that he thought he should be able at last to paint his pet. Wells: "Alas! my dear friend, it is too late. I have lost him. Landseer: "I am sure he is stolen. Will you give me the commission to paint him if I recover him for you?" Wells: "Gladly." Landseer instantly on returning to St. John's Wood sent for a well-known dog fancier, described the characteristic points of the animal, and told him that he should be well paid if he would find him. Dog-fancier (scratching his head reflectively, and repeating to himself aloud the description given): "Black an tan, wi' very long ears, large eyes. I've seed that dog somewhere. I daresay I could bring him in a fortnight." Landseer: "A fortnight! Nonsense. I must have him in 48 hours." Dog-fancier: "It could not be done, sir, in the time." Landseer: "Well, I have no doubt you could put your hand upon him in no time; but if you won't, then bring him as soon as you can." At the end of a fortnight the man entered Landseer's hall with the dog in his arms. Landseer: "Oh, so you've brought him at last, have you? Now, why could not you have let me have him before?" Dog-fancier: "You're an old friend, and won't peach. But the fact were I stole the dog. But—honour among thieves—I sold it to a trump of an old lady in Portland-place for such a howdacious good sum, I felt it wouldn't be the square thing not to let her enjoy it at least for a fortnight."

TERRIBLE MINE DISASTER IN CANADA.

A HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

An appalling disaster occured yesterday at the Springfield Mine, Halifax, which is owned by English and Montreal capitalists. One thousand men were at work in the pits at the time, and 150 men were employed in the immediate vicinity, when a terrible explosion took place. Hundreds of miners escaped by the connections with other slopes, but it is feared that every man working in the part of the mine where the disaster occurred was killed, including Mr Swift, the manager. Seventy-five bodies have already been recovered, and twenty men have been brought to bank in a terribly injured condition. Springhill Colliery is owned by English and Canadian capitalists, and has an annual output of over half a million tons. This is the first serious loss of life that has occurred in this mine, and probably the greatest calamity that has ever befallen the Canadian coal industry.

THE LEEDS GAS DISPUTE.

A conference between the members of the Leeds Corporation Gas Committee and representatives of the gas-workers took place on Saturday, and after a two hours' sitting the meeting concluded, no nearer, it is said, to a settlement than when it opened.

A COUNTRY MANSION BURNT.

Maids Moreton Lodge, Buckinghamshire, the residence of the Baroness Kinloss, was yesterday morning destroyed by fire, which is supposed to have originated in the library. The contents of this apartment were consumed, besides much valuable furniture. All the inmates got safely out.

FATAL FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

A fire occurred in Brooklyn on Saturday in a five-storey tenement houses, and a terrible scene resulted. The fire escapes could not be placed in a position by which the inmates could be rescued, and the conflagration resulted in the loss of six lives. It is believed that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT A GENERAL.

General Roca was driving in his carriage at Buenos Ayres when a boy of 15 fired at him, wounding him slightly in the back. He alighted at once and seized the boy and thrashed him with his cane. Great indignation prevailed in the city in consequence of the outrage. A state of siege was declared, and the troops kept under arms.

GREAT FLOODS IN AMERICA.

The floods in West Virginia are causing enormous damage and much suffering. The town of Parkersburg is completely submerged, and cut off from communication with the outside, and the inhabitants of the river side are camping on the hill until the waters subside. The overflowing of the river at Findlay, Ohio, has driven all the residents of the lower section of the town from their homes.

DEATH OF LORD ALBEMARLE.

The Earl of Albemarle died on Saturday morning at his seat, Quidenham Hall, Norfolk, in his 92nd year. The deceased was, with the exception of General Whitcheote, the only officer on the Army List who fought at Waterloo. From 1832 to 1855 he represented Earl Norfolk, was an unsuccessful candidate for Lynn in 1837, and for Lymington in 1841; but was returned in 1847 for the latter, and sat till April, 1850.

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CHAPTER XII.
THE MANSE OF ST. GILES.

As was to be expected, Dr. Kinross was anxious to forward James Bethune in his desires and aims, and to procure for him some opening which would really be a beginning to his life-work. But that was no easy task. In a great city there are few unfilled spaces; it is the sad truth that in most walks of life the supply of labourers far exceeds the demand. He had considerable influence with those connected with the Press, and received promises from several that his protégé would be kept in mind. So through the spring months James Bethune plodded on, helping Adam Farquhar in the daytime, and studying or writing in the evenings. So deep a hold had Dr. Kinross taken of his heart that he even brought himself to show him some of his pieces, both poetry and prose, rightly believing that he would be both a competent judge and a kindly though keen critic of their merits. They were not perfect—what early work is?—but they were full of promise, and had the true ring about them. The doctor saw at once—nor, indeed, was he surprised thereat—that the young man had an original and cultured mind, and would never be numbered among those scribblers who mistake an imitative faculty for literary genius. He strongly advised him to send something to *Chamber's Journal*, and even offered to take it himself to the editor, but James Bethune said he would prefer to send it from his own obscurity, and allow what he wrote to stand or fall by its own merit; in which decision he showed the wisdom and manliness of his spirit. He was willing, nay, deeply grateful, to accept help and advice upon some things, but there were others upon which he had his own deep convictions, which nothing would set aside. It was more to please his friend than of his own will that he complied with his request, for he had gone on with the great ardent desire to rush into print, but was rather held back and kept down by a miserable consciousness of his own shortcomings. His power of expression was not yet equal to his high ideal, and he sometimes despaired of ever being able to clothe his thoughts in suitable words. It was a healthy and wholesome doubt, of which he was yet to receive the benefit. He had many long flights of imagination in these early struggling days; many aspirations which it seemed impossible he should ever reach; many sweet, great thoughts which could scarcely hope to find any vent.

His soul was stirred within him often by his great longing and desire to do some worthy thing; —to be able to write something of which not only himself but others in the world would be the better. Such longings are not to be despised or scornfully cast aside as idle dreamings; it is always a worthy and an ennobling ambition to feel. We can never look too high in that good way, the fault most common to us being the ease with which we stoop to what is lower than the noblest in our nature. The little prose sketch—which was in truth a poem in its beautiful simplicity and truth—was accepted by the editor, and appeared in due course. With his first modest literary gains James Bethune bought a gift for his aunt, and sent with it the magazine, with a broad red line drawn round his own article, which had no name attached. He did not send a copy, however, to Sandy, for even yet he could not forget the sting of his quick contemptuous words. He had seen him in Edinburgh once, walking in the street with another minister; and, as he had never come near the shop in Bank-street, though he knew well enough from Aunt Susan where his brother was, it was evident to Jamie that he meant to sever all connection. In his intercourse with Dr. Kinross, James Bethune never mentioned his brother's name, and it never occurred to the doctor to associate the popular young minister, whom he had indicted to his charge at Lochbrook, with the struggling aspirant for literary fame. It was with deep, genuine interest the large-hearted minister watched the growth and development of James Bethune's powers; and he made him truly and heartily welcome to the Manse. James Bethune found it so pleasant a place that when in order to obtain an eight hours day rather than to resort to legislation they did so because they desired to be relieved of the risk of dealing with such a great subject. The miners wanted an eight hours day not from selfish motives, but that they might have time for recreation and self-improvement. The miners and their leaders regarded the eight hours question as a matter which concerned their health and safety. They had never damaged the employers' interests, and they had no intention of doing so now.

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GIVEN GRATIS TO ALL.—The following important fact cannot be too frequently impressed upon the minds of suffering humanity, that Mr Gorin, E.B.P., of Bradford, has for some time past and is now giving the Hop Prescription for Bitters to all applicants who send a stamp for postage. Anyone in possession of this valuable prescription can for 10s name a quart of this Marvellous Medicine, and for 1s 8d can make two quarts, sufficient to serve two weeks. It is a well-known fact that with this prescription all kinds of hopeless cases have been treated with success when all other remedies had absolutely failed. People who have been partly paralyzed have been restored to health by this prescription, others have had their reason restored; people who could not sleep have had their sleep restored, others who could not eat have had their appetite restored, people who had suffered years with indigestion and its consequences have had their digestive powers restored; people who have suffered martyrdom with a depressed liver, nervous debility, &c., have been cured; people subject to an accumulation of wind and water have found it disappear under its influence, persons in Lincoln, subject to fits, have not had a fit from the first moment he began taking it. People troubled for years with constipation have had their bowels become regular under its influence. It is a choice, rare, remarkably remedy. The prescription is simple, it is cheap, it is good. Those who haven't sent for it should. It will be found safe, sure, and reliable in almost all maladies incident to the human frame. It is a tonic, alterative, and an aperient combined of marvellous curative properties. These important facts may seem incredible, but it has been far more than is here claimed for it, proof of which is sent with each prescription. Thousands are blessing the day the Hop Compound for Bitters fell across their path, and it is given absolutely free of charge to all applicants, rich or poor, who send a stamp for the postage of the same. A mode of self-treatment at home has been a long-felt want by all well-regulated minds, and will be found exceedingly advantageous to sensible persons who desire to know what they are swallowing. Address, Mr GORIN, E.B.P., Bradford, Yorks. When writing, name this paper.—[ADVT.]

"Well—oh, there's papa! I should be at my lessons, you know. Yes, papa, I'm at them," she cried, darting up stairs two steps at a time, while a peal of merry laughter sent its sweet echoes through the house.

"You elf, I'll punish you!" said the doctor, shaking his fist at her.

She threw him a kiss over the stairs, and ran off singing to the schoolroom.

"I believe Minnie knows by instinct when you are in the house," said the doctor, smiling. "I forgot something I intended to ask you, James. The Assembly opens next Thursday, and we have a few friends to dinner that evening. Will you come along later—say about eight? I should like you to meet one or two who will be there. Nay, don't refuse. You know that it is imperative that you should see something of society. So we will expect you about eight." And, without waiting for an answer, the doctor nodded and hastily withdrew into the study.

(To be continued.)

WHOSE WAS THE HAND?

By Miss BRADDON, Author of "Lady Audley's Secret," "Like and Unlike," "The Day Will Come," &c.

CHAPTER XXI.
A GLOOMY RETROSPECT.

Pedro Perez and his beautiful wife started for Madrid upon the evening after their marriage. They travelled with all the comfort that wealth can give. Dolores had her mother and her maid as duenna and attendant. They went to the best hotel in Madrid, where, at the instigation of his wife and mother-in-law, Perez engaged the handsomest suite of rooms upon the first floor.

His dread of ridicule, his jealous doubts and suspicions, prompted him to hide the treasure that he had won for himself; but some natural pride intervened, and he could not refrain from showing himself in the fashionable drives and promenades, with his lovely young wife by his side.

Madame Perez accepted the situation with perfect equanimity, and showed to better advantage as a wife than as a beautiful bird in a gilded cage. If she was not happy she was at least better contented with herself and her life than she had been in the Rue St. Guillaume. So far from repenting his marriage, Perez grew daily more devoted to his wife, and more anxious to make her happy. He submitted to all Madame Quijada's exactions, and allowed himself to be led by the nose by his mother-in-law, as well as by his wife; and in this happy disposition he returned to Paris, where he at once occupied himself in the task of selecting a fitting home for the lovely young wife of a millionaire.

After looking at a good many houses Perez finally decided upon one in the somewhat solitary Avenue Reiffschosaen, which had been built for a famous actress during the palmy days of the Empire—the avenue being then known as the Avenue Hortense—and which was at least a mile from the Arc de Triomph. The house stood at some distance from the road, and was concealed by a thick screen of acacias and other ornamental trees and shrubs. Perez liked the property, in the first place because it was a bargain, and in the second place because its solitary position gratified his idea of retirement: with the wife of his choice. He did not want to live in the heart of Paris, where Dolores might be encouraged to set up a salon, and where the men he knew might find it too convenient to visit his handsome wife.

Dolores and her mother both admired the house, and both complained of its surroundings. The neighbourhood was a desert. It was in the wrong side of the Bois for fashion and beauty. Like all bargains, the property was hardly worth having.

For once in a way Perez was resolute with his charmer. He would buy that house and no other. "If you would rather go to live in Hades, you shall, hastily. "I have heard all this rodomontade of yours so often that I never think it worth my while to argue with you. Just give me your arm to help me to my room, before Dolores and her husband come home from the theatre. These rheumatic pains of mine will hardly carry me upstairs without assistance. You are a feeble woman. You might be a nailliner's drudge, toiling among a lot of other drudges at this day if it were not for your cousin Dolores and me."

I might have been lying at the bottom of the Seine long ago if it were not for Dolores," answered Louise, gloomily. "I love her. She has been the only bond that held me to life."

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